

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/9, 2/23, 3/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the State Court Administrator to enter into an agreement with the United States Financial Management Service and the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of attaching federal tax refunds in order to satisfy debts the taxpayer owes to the state courts. Allows the courts to add a fee to cover costs associated with collecting on a tax refund. Takes effect upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need Congressional authorization
- Oregon could collect an estimated \$60 million in unpaid fines, fees and assessments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The State Courts are owed millions of dollars. Many of those who are delinquent on their accounts to the State Courts receive federal tax refunds. This measure would give the State Court Administrator the ability to reach these refunds.