

**2009 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 3474                      **STATUS:** Original  
**SUBJECT:** Increases the fee for garnishment of wages  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** All State agencies and local governments  
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**EXPENDITURES:**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2010

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**ANALYSIS:** Current law allows for a garnishee that employs a debtor required to make any payment under a writ of garnishment, to collect a processing fee. The fee is collectible for each week, or partial week, a payment is made under the writ. The processing fee must be collected after the last payment of the writ. The measure increases this fee from \$1 to \$2.

A writ of garnishment is effective for a maximum of 90 days. During this time period a state agency or local government is considered the garnishee. The maximum processing fee collectible by a state agency or local government under this measure would be \$28. This estimate is based on a maximum number of 14 full or partial weeks in a 90-day period. The number of garnished state employee wages is unknown. The fiscal impact to state agencies and local governments is considered minimal.