

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3286 - A

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Department of Corrections to charge and collect fees for serving process and other documents on inmates, officials and employees.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections

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: This bill allows the Department of Corrections (DOC) to charge and collect a fee for serving process and other documents on inmates and employees of the Department of Corrections. This fee would be charged to the entities requesting the service, not to the inmates or employees of DOC.

Currently, DOC processes approximately 2,000 services per biennium. The -1 amendment specifies that the fee may not exceed the amount charged by Sheriffs for similar service. DOC would establish the fee by administrative rule. The fee charged may result in fewer services and more legal visits to avoid the fee. Until the fee is determined and DOC has experience with the actual number services provided, the actual fiscal impact is indeterminate. However, DOC does not expect the General Fund impact to be significant.