

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative
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Legislative Revenue Office**

**Bill Number: HB 2710 - A
Revenue Area: Court Fees
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Measure Description:

Directs circuit courts to collect fees for civil actions filed in circuit courts on or after July 1, 2011.
Establishes a new fee schedule.

Revenue Impact: Establishes a uniform civil filing fee schedule for all circuit courts in Oregon.
Reduces types of civil filing fees and eliminates statutorily-dedicated fees that are added-on at the time of filing.

Impact Explanation:

An Interim Committee was charged with studying the Oregon Judicial Department's fee collection and revenue distribution structure. The Interim Committee was wanted to the preserve several principles: A desire to preserve access and proportionality to justice, improve efficiency and cost savings, and to achieve a stable, predictable, and transparent flow of money that can be accounted for and easily understood by the public.

HB 2710 and its companion measures, HBs 2711 and 2712, are intended to replace HB 2287, which sunsets June 30, 2011, which supplements the funding for courts. This measure directs all revenue collected from civil filing fees to be deposited into a Court Fee Account. Entities previously receiving revenue from an add-on fee will instead receive distributions from the Court Fee Account. This statement is to facilitate moving the measure to ways and means where it will be further examined to determine the revenue impact of the fee changes and the court fee system reform.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes No