## REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly, 2011 Regular Session Legislative Revenue Office Bill Number: HB 2712 - A
Revenue Area: Court Fees
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## **Measure Description:**

Modifies presumptive fines for violations. Establishes same as minimums and prohibits downward deviation. Modifies maximum fines for violations by individuals and corporations. Provides for notice of presumptive/minimum fines on face of citation. Modifies minimum fines for crimes. Permits courts to waive in whole or part. Sets minimum fines for specific methamphetamine crimes. Sets range of fines, if ordered, for reduced crimes.

**Revenue Impact:** This measure changes the revue structure for the Criminal side of court fees. This statement is issued to facilitate the measure's move to ways and means where it will be further explored.

## **Impact Explanation:**

House Bill 2712A is one of three measures resulting from the efforts of the Joint Interim Committee on State Justice System Revenues (the Committee), which was established by House Bill 2287 (2009) and which met almost monthly between October 2009 and January 2011. HB 2712A and its companion measures are intended to replace HB 2287, which sunsets June 30, 2011, in order to continue adequately funding Oregon's courts. House Bill 2712A establishes a more uniform structure for application of payments received from defendants in traffic and criminal cases and creates a Criminal Fines Account to centralize funds from which allocations are made for specific purposes.

The measure drastically changes the revenue structure and needs to be thoroughly examined in ways and means committee. This revenue impact statement is issued to facilitate that move.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes  $\square$  No  $\boxtimes$ 

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