

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2887 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Prescribes process for adjudicating reapportionment of congressional districts.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Judicial Department, Legislative Assembly, Secretary of State

**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:**

House Bill 2887 A-Engrossed outlines the conditions under which an elector may file a petition to challenge a legislatively adopted reapportionment plan, or request a reapportionment of congressional districts. The bill specifies that the Secretary of State would be the respondent in any legal challenge to reapportionment.

At this time, the fiscal impact of this bill to the Oregon Judicial Department, and the Secretary of State is indeterminate depending on whether any challenge to reapportionment is filed.

Passage of this bill will have no immediate fiscal impact for the 2013-15 and the 2015-17 biennia. The next congressional reapportionment will occur after the completion of the next decennial census in 2020. Therefore, any fiscal impact would occur in 2021. Assuming that one or more petitions regarding congressional reapportionment would be filed with passage of this measure, judicial review would be provided by a special master, a special judicial panel, and a Supreme Court review. Extrapolating from cases requiring a special master, the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) estimates the total cost of a special master, a special judicial panel, and Supreme Court review to be roughly \$230,000 per case. OJD calculated this fiscal impact in present day dollars; costs could be higher in 2021 dollars due to inflation and other factors.