

Senate Bill 78

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SUMMARY

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Modifies rate of reimbursement that city or county may seek from inmate confined in local correctional facility.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to community corrections; amending ORS 169.151.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 169.151 is amended to read:

5 169.151. (1) A city or, notwithstanding ORS 169.150 (1), a county may seek reimbursement from
6 a person who is or was committed to the local correctional facility of the county or city upon con-
7 viction of a crime for any expenses incurred by the county or city in safekeeping and maintaining
8 the person. The county or city may seek reimbursement:

9 (a) At a rate of [~~\$60~~] **\$61** per day or its actual daily cost of safekeeping and maintaining the
10 person, whichever is less, multiplied by the total number of days the person was confined to the
11 local correctional facility, including, but not limited to, any period of pretrial detention; and

12 (b) For any other charges or expenses that the county or city is entitled to recover under ORS
13 169.150.

14 (2) The county or city may seek reimbursement for expenses as provided in subsection (1) of this
15 section by filing a civil action no later than six years after the person from whom reimbursement
16 is sought is released from the local correctional facility.

17 (3) When a person is found liable for expenses described in subsection (1) of this section and an
18 amount is determined, the court shall, before entering a judgment against the person, allow the
19 person to present evidence on the issue of the person's ability to pay. When a person presents such
20 evidence, the court shall determine the person's ability to pay taking into consideration:

21 (a) The financial resources of the person and the burden that payment will impose on the person
22 in providing basic economic necessities to the person or the person's dependent family; and

23 (b) Any other monetary obligations imposed upon the person by the court as a result of the
24 conviction for which the person was committed to the local correctional facility.

25 (4) The court, and not a jury, shall determine the defendant's ability to pay under subsection (3)
26 of this section.

27 (5) Upon the conclusion of a proceeding under subsection (3) of this section, the court may enter
28 a judgment:

29 (a) Of dismissal if the court finds that the person lacks the ability to pay;

30 (b) For less than the full amount determined if the court finds that the person has the ability

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1 to pay a portion of the amount; or

2 (c) For the full amount determined, plus costs and disbursements, if the court determines the
3 person has the ability to pay.

4 (6) Any reimbursements collected under this section must be credited to the general fund of the
5 county or city to be available for general fund purposes.

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