

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Hicks, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the amount of funding legal aid organizations receive from the state of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legal Aid services reduces domestic violence
- Unmet need has grown.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Legal Aid organizations in Oregon provide legal assistance to those who cannot otherwise afford private counsel. Legal Aid represents clients in domestic relations matters including divorces, child custody, domestic violence matters and landlord tenant matters. Since 1995, Oregon has financially assisted legal aid organizations through court filing fees. Currently, these programs receive \$11.9 million from the state of Oregon. The Oregon State Bar is responsible for evaluating Legal Services Programs in Oregon and setting standards for these programs.