

**REVENUE IMPACT OF  
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative  
Assembly  
2014 Regular Session  
Legislative Revenue Office

Bill Number: HB 4143-MRB  
Revenue Area: State Finance  
Economist: Paul Warner  
Date: 2-26-14

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official*

**Measure Description:**

Authorizes court, as part of settlement or judgment in class action, to approve process for payment of damages. Directs court to divide unclaimed damages in class action suit equally between Legal Aid Account and Domestic Violence Programs Account. Creates Domestic Violence Programs Account and specifies funds in Account may only be distributed to district attorneys for use in domestic violence programs. Specifies distributions to Legal Services Program from Legal Aid Account may only be used for domestic violence-related legal services. Under current law, unclaimed damages are returned to the defendant.

**Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):** Indeterminate

**Impact Explanation:** Under current law, unclaimed damages are dispersed to defendants on a case-by-case basis. Although HB 4143 will potentially generate revenue for the accounts specified in the bill, there is no known compiled data base upon which to estimate the magnitude of these returned damages. What evidence there is indicates that class action settlements occur in an uneven, unpredictable manner.

**Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure:** Yes  No