

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4066 - A

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Chief Justice of Supreme Court to establish reasonable fees for use of Oregon Judicial Case Information Network, repeals sunset on increases in certain court filing fees.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Judicial Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

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:

The measure expands the Chief Justice's authority to establish fees for the use of certain electronic systems, repeals an existing sunset on court filing fee increases enacted in the 2013 session, and repeals the sunset on the transfer of a portion of court fee revenues to the State Court Technology Fund.

The measure authorizes the Chief Justice to establish reasonable fees for the use of the Oregon Judicial Case Information Network (OJCIN). The Judicial Department's OJCIN Terms of Use Agreement identifies three components to OJCIN: OJIN, the Appellate Case Management System (ACMS), and the Oregon eCourt Case Information system (OECI). OJCIN fees must be reasonably calculated to recover or offset costs of state court electronic applications and systems, and revenues from these fees are dedicated to the State Court Technology Fund and restricted to these purposes.

Additionally, the measure repeals the sunset on filing fee increases of approximately 5% that were enacted for the period from October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. These fee increases are made permanent. The measure also repeals the sunset scheduled for the same day on the transfer of a portion of court filing fee revenues to the State Court Technology Fund. The amount so transferred is substantively equivalent to the revenue generated from the 5% filing fee increases.

The repeal of sunsets on the fee increases and fee transfers is projected to increase Other Funds revenues to the State Court Technology Fund by approximately \$1.9 million in the 2013-15 biennium, and by approximately \$3.8 million in the 2015-17 biennium.

The fiscal impact of authorizing reasonable fees for the use of OJCIN is indeterminate. The Chief Justice has not proposed an OJCIN fee schedule at this time.