

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2329

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Measure Description:

Modifies biennial distribution to Legal Aid Account from amounts collected as fees and charges in circuit courts.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Judicial Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Oregon Judicial Department – Other Funds	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000

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 increases the biennial distribution to the Oregon State Bar for the Legal Aid Account by 26%, from \$11.9 million to \$15 million. The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage. The measure applies to distributions made on or after July 1, 2015.

The State of Oregon currently provides, within the Oregon Judicial Department budget, \$11.9 million of Other Funds court fee revenues to the Legal Services Program, which is funded through the Legal Aid Account. Because these court fee revenues would otherwise be transferred to the General Fund, by increasing the amount distributed to the Legal Aid Account, the measure actually reduces General Fund revenue by \$3.1 million per biennium.