

House Bill 2329

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

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

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Legal Aid Account; creating new provisions; amending ORS 9.577; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 9.577 is amended to read:

6 9.577. (1) The Legal Aid Account is established in the General Fund of the State Treasury. All
7 moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the State Court Administrator for the pur-
8 pose of the distributions required by this section. Interest earned by the account shall be credited
9 to the General Fund.

10 (2) Each month, the State Court Administrator shall transfer to the Legal Aid Account, from
11 amounts collected by the State Court Administrator as fees and charges in the circuit courts, the
12 amounts necessary to make the distributions required by subsection (3) of this section.

13 (3) Each biennium, the State Court Administrator shall distribute to the Oregon State Bar [*\$11.9*
14 *million*] **\$15 million** from the Legal Aid Account. Distributions under this section shall be made by
15 the State Court Administrator in eight quarterly installments of equal amounts[, *with the first dis-*
16 *tribution to be made as soon as possible after July 1, 2011*]. Amounts distributed to the Oregon State
17 Bar under this subsection may be used only for the funding of the Legal Services Program estab-
18 lished under ORS 9.572.

19 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 9.577 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply only to
20 distributions from the Legal Aid Account made on or after July 1, 2015.

21 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
23 on its passage.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.