

House Bill 3438

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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**.

Provides that interest earned by Legal Aid Account shall be credited to account.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to funding of legal aid; amending ORS 9.577; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

5 9.577. (1) The Legal Aid Account is established in the General Fund of the State Treasury. All
6 moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the State Court Administrator for the pur-
7 pose of the distributions required by this section. Interest earned by the account shall be credited
8 to the [*General Fund*] **account**.

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

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

18 **SECTION 2.** **This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
19 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
20 **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.