
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: HB 4093-A – Relating to courthouses
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 4093-A allows circuit courts to impose a \$5 dollar surcharge on fines for parking violations and traffic offenses to pay capital costs or debt payments for courthouse projects that are funded in the state budget. The revenue from the surcharge accrues to the county and is dedicated to the courthouse project.

Certain requirements must be met before the surcharge may be imposed. The circuit court must serve a county which has a courthouse project that has been funded or approved for funding through the Oregon Courthouse Capital Construction and Improvement Fund, the board of commissioners of the county must request the surcharge to be imposed, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court must approve.

To date, the Legislature has approved funding courthouse replacement projects in Multnomah, Jefferson, and Tillamook Counties. Authority to establish the surcharge would initially be restricted to these three counties, but would to other counties if additional courthouse projects are approved by the Legislature.

Amendment

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends adoption of the HB 4093-A9 amendments. These amendments:

- Reduce the priority of payments to the courthouse surcharge account. The bill requires surcharge account to receive moneys first, in situations of partial payment of parking and traffic fines. The amendments require that the other, existing recipients of fine revenues receive moneys first, prior to distribution to the courthouse surcharge account.

Motion #1: Move the –A9 amendments to HB 4093-A.

Measure as Modified

The measure, as amended, is recommended to be moved to the full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

Motion #2: Move HB 4 to the full committee with a “do pass” recommendation, as amended.

Assignment of Carriers

Full: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____