

HB 4093

Relating to courthouses

On February 24th, the Public Safety Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of HB 4093, with amendments.

HB 4093 allows circuit courts to impose a \$5 surcharge on fines imposed for parking violations or traffic offenses, to help finance capital costs or debt payments for courthouse capital construction projects that are funded in the state budget. The revenue from the surcharge accrues to the county, and is dedicated to the courthouse project.

To date, the Legislature has approved funding for courthouse replacement projects in Multnomah, Jefferson, and Tillamook counties. Authority to establish the surcharge would initially be restricted to those three counties, but would extend to other counties if additional courthouse projects are approved by the Legislature. The surcharge would help counties finance their portion of the projects' total costs.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 4093 be amended by the -A9 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.