

**HB 2618 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases fees collected by sheriffs in civil proceedings. Directs State Court Administrator to calculate cost of living increases and adjust fees accordingly.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Removes requirement that State Court Administrator calculate cost of living increases and adjust fees accordingly.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon law establishes the fees that a county sheriff may collect for assistance given in civil actions, suits and proceedings. For instance, a county sheriff may charge \$36 for serving a summons, subpoena, citation, order, or notice to two parties at the same address. These fees were last increased in 2009. House Bill 2618 increases the fees county sheriffs can collect in these civil actions, suits and proceedings. HB 2618 also requires the State Court Administrator to set these fees. Beginning in 2019, the State Court Administrator must annually calculate any cost of living increase or decrease based on the Portland-Salem, OR-WA Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for All Items. The State Court Administrator must increase the fees a county sheriff may charge if there is a cost of living increase. These fees do not increase if the cost of living does not increase.