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During the 2012 legislative session, the Legislature passed SB 1579 [now ORS 1.860], which requires the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) and the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) to report each biennium on municipal and justice court caseloads, revenues, and expenditures. A copy of the statute is attached.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) has consulted with AOC and LOC to develop a questionnaire to collect the information needed for the required report. We ask each municipal and justice court to complete and return the attached questionnaire. Municipal courts should return the questionnaire to Scott Winkels at LOC, and justice courts should return the questionnaire to Patrick Sieng at AOC, no later than October 17, 2016.

The questionnaire is designed to obtain basic information on local court activities and finances. Information is being requested for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 fiscal years. Responses should be provided from data the court currently collects. Please indicate if you are unable to provide a response to an item without gathering additional data that you do not currently collecting.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. Please contact Steve Bender in the Legislative Fiscal Office [steve.bender@state.or.us or (503) 986-1836] if you have any questions about the data request.

Sincerely,

Steve Bender
Principal Legislative Analyst

ATTACHMENT

ORS 1.860

LOCAL COURT REPORTS

1.860 Reports relating to municipal courts and justice courts. (1) Once every two years, the League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties shall report to the Legislative Fiscal Officer information identified by the Legislative Fiscal Officer relating to the caseload, revenues and expenditures of municipal courts and justice courts. Before establishing the list of information to be provided, the Legislative Fiscal Officer shall consult with the League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties. The Legislative Fiscal Officer may not request information that requires additional data gathering by municipal courts, justice courts, cities and counties. The reported information shall be based on the fiscal year used by each municipal court and justice court.

(2) The reports required by this section must be made not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year. The Legislative Fiscal Officer may specify the manner in which the reports are made. The Legislative Fiscal Officer shall provide a summary of the information provided under this section to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means upon the convening of the next odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly. Copies of the summary shall be provided to the League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties.

Local Court Report Questionnaire - 2016 Report

1	Court Name _____	Contact _____
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Number or Dollar Amounts

2014-15 Fiscal Year

2015-16 Fiscal Year

2	<u>Number of Cases Filed</u>		
2a	Civil		
2b	Traffic		
2c	Other Violations		
2d	Misdemeanors		
2e	Other (Identify types)		
3	<u>Fines Imposed</u>		
3a	Civil		
3b	Traffic		
3c	Other Violations		
3d	Misdemeanors		
3e	Other (Identify types)		
4	<u>Gross Fee/Fine Revenues</u>		
4a	Violations Fine Revenues		
4b	Crimes Fine Revenues		
4c	Civil Revenues		
5	Revenues distributed to the State		
6	Revenues distributed to Counties - Unrestricted		
7	Revenues distributed to Counties - Jails and Drug & Alcohol		
8	Revenues distributed to Counties - Court Facilities Security Acct.		
9	Revenues distributed to Cities		

Additional Information

A	How did you define criminal cases (by citation, offense, other definition?)	
B	Other Comments/Explanations (if needed)	
C	Other Comments/Explanations (if needed)	

Notes:

Please use the comments spaces above (or attach additional information with your reply) when added clarification is needed.

Item 4 should be the sum of Items 4a, 4b and 4c. If it is not, please explain.

Items 5 through 9 should sum to Item 4. If they do not, please explain.