

HB 2618 A -A4, -A5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases fees collected by sheriffs in civil proceedings.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possible agencies to conduct future COLA adjustments to this fee schedule
- Connection between these fees and its relationship to private process servers
- Concern that the COLA in the -A4 does not reduce fees when the cost of living decreases
- Possible consequences of the COLA adjustment in the -A4 rounding fees to the nearest \$1

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 Adds provision requiring Oregon Department of Administrative Services to increase these fees each year if cost of living has increased. This provision begins in 2019 and ends in 2025.

-A5 Adds provision requiring Oregon Department of Administrative Services to increase these fees on January 1, 2021 based on any cost of living increase within previous four years.

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 A increases the fees county sheriffs can collect in these civil actions, suits and proceedings.