

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 4097

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Measure Description:

Modifies provisions relating to law libraries and law library services provided by counties.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See explanatory analysis

Analysis:

The measure allows county law libraries to operate court facilitation programs to assist litigants in certain court proceedings. The presiding judge for a judicial district shall supervise operation of the program and the program must be provided by court employees or other persons approved by the judge in facilities under supervision and control of the court. The measure stipulates that, except for certain fees authorized by statute, services provided through the program must be provided free of charge.

HB 5013 (2017) provided \$7.4 million General Fund to the Judicial Department to fund operation of county law libraries. This amount is distributed to counties based on the filing fee revenue collected in the previous biennium from civil actions within the respective county circuit court. The measure does not change the amount or distribution method of monies counties receive for operation of law libraries.

The number of counties that may choose to utilize these funds for facilitation programs is unknown, and costs may vary by county depending on the demand for these services.