

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 4097 - A

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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 the operation of court facilitation programs that assist litigants in certain court proceedings to meet the requirement that a county provide law library services, in counties with at least 700,000 inhabitants. The measure also allows the presiding judge to establish court facilitation programs to assist litigants in non-family law proceedings.

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, so there is no fiscal impact anticipated by the Judicial Department.

The only county that could currently choose to utilize these funds for facilitation programs under the measure is Multnomah County.