

**HB 2241**

**Relating to state court technology fees**

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HB 2241 authorizes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to establish fees on public bodies to support court technology services. The Oregon Judicial Department is facing growing costs to maintain the technology services that allow public and private entities to electronically file cases and access court documents.

The measure will help fund maintenance of the new Oregon eCourt system by authorizing the Chief Justice to establish a fee based on the number of civil and criminal cases, including violations, initiated by a public body in the circuit court. The state already provides General Fund support, so state agencies are exempt from the fee. Revenue from the fee will be deposited in the State Court Technology Fund. The budget for the Judicial Department assumes \$2.4 million in new revenues from the passage of this measure.

Counties support the need for funding, but concerns were raised about the need to provide counties time to work through the fiscal impacts of the measure before the new fees take effect. In recognition of those concerns, it is the intent of the Public Safety Subcommittee to provide the Chief Justice flexibility to determine the effective date and the level of any new fees adopted under this measure.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 5513 be amended by the –3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.