

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 357 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Oregon State Bar to include in Legal Services Program methods of evaluation of legal services providers and support for Judicial Department's efforts to improve public access to and information about court system, and adjusts the statutory funding allocated to the Oregon State Bar for distribution to legal services providers.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Analysis:**

Existing law directs the State Court Administrator at the Oregon Judicial Department to allocate \$11.9 million per biennium from civil court fees, in quarterly installments, to the Oregon State Bar for the Legal Services Program. This bill increases the statutory amount to \$15 million with annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index(CPI). Civil court fees not allocated to this program are deposited into the General Fund.

The State Court Administrator has experience making this type of CPI calculation and anticipates that the additional workload will be minimal and can be absorbed with existing department resources.

The increase in the amount allocated for the Legal Services Program decreases deposits into the General Fund in an equal amount. The projected decrease to the General Fund is \$3,529,025 for the 2017-2019 biennium and \$4,417,838 for the 2019-21 biennium.