

HB 2241 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/25/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 9-2-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Bynum, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lewis, McLane, Piluso, Power, Williamson

Nays: 2 - Sprenger, Stark

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/19, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Chief Justice of Supreme Court to charge reasonable fees of public bodies for cost of providing electronic filing services. Deposits collected fees into State Court Technology Fund. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current process for charging fees to private users
- Exemptions for public body
- Use of General Funds as alternative to fees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Chief Justice may establish reasonable fees for access to electronic documents on the Oregon Judicial Case Information Network (OJCIN). Currently, the fee schedule charges a flat \$150 non-refundable set-up fee and a monthly user fee, which can range from \$25 per month to \$200 per month, depending on the size of the law firm. Each account also has a \$15 user profile fee. Data resellers are treated separately from law firms or general access accounts and pay a \$1,500 - \$2,075 base rate per month and a \$250 user profile fee.

House Bill 2241 allows the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to charge reasonable fees of public bodies for the cost of providing electronic filing fee services.