

## **SB 473 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 03/27/19

**Action:** Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Bentz, Fagan, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/27

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases daily juror fee from \$10 a day to \$22.07 for each day that a juror is required to attend. Requires State Court Administrator to adjust fee for inflation each biennium by using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. Increases the current mileage rate paid from \$0.08 to \$0.545 a mile for travel in going to and returning from the place where the jury service is performed.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Removes barriers to low income individuals wanting to serve
- Law has failed to increase with inflation
- Provides automatic increases for inflation

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Under current Oregon law, a juror may receive \$10 per day for the first two days of jury service in a circuit court. ORS 10.061. Jurors may receive \$25 per day for third and subsequent days jurors are required to attend a circuit court. Additionally, jurors shall be paid for mileage at a rate of \$0.08 per mile, or reimbursement for public transportation expenses for each day's attendance at court.

Senate Bill 473 increases the daily fee paid to jurors to \$22.07 for each day of service and increases the mileage reimbursement to 0.545 per mile.