

# Senate Bill 473

Sponsored by Senator GELSER; Senator THATCHER (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Increases daily juror fees and juror mileage reimbursement rates.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to jurors; amending ORS 10.061 and 10.065.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 10.061 is amended to read:

5 10.061. (1) The fee of jurors in courts other than circuit courts is [*\$10*] **\$22.07** for each day that  
6 a juror is required to attend.

7 (2)(a) The fee of jurors for the first two days of required attendance in circuit court during a  
8 term of service is [*\$10*] **\$22.07** for each day that a juror is required to attend.

9 (b) The fee of jurors for the third and subsequent days of required attendance in circuit court  
10 during a term of service is \$25 for each day that a juror is required to attend.

11 (3) Unless otherwise provided by the terms of an employment agreement, a juror must waive the  
12 juror's fee provided for in subsection (1), (2) or (4) of this section if the juror is paid a wage or salary  
13 by the juror's employer for the days that the juror is required to attend a court, including a mu-  
14 nicipal or justice court. The provisions of this subsection do not affect any claim a juror may have  
15 for mileage reimbursement under ORS 10.065.

16 (4) In addition to the fees and mileage prescribed in subsection (1) of this section and ORS 10.065  
17 for service in a court other than a circuit court, the governing body of a city or county may provide  
18 by ordinance for an additional juror fee and for city or county reimbursement of jurors for mileage  
19 and other expenses incurred in serving as jurors in courts other than circuit courts.

20 (5) **Each biennium, the State Court Administrator shall adjust for inflation by modifying**  
21 **the fee of jurors established under this section based on the Consumer Price Index for All**  
22 **Urban Consumers West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics**  
23 **of the United States Department of Labor.**

24 **SECTION 2.** ORS 10.065 is amended to read:

25 10.065. (1) In addition to the fees prescribed in ORS 10.061, a juror who is required to travel  
26 from the juror's usual place of abode in order to execute or perform service as a juror in a court  
27 other than a circuit court shall be paid mileage at the rate of [*eight cents*] **\$0.545** a mile for travel  
28 in going to and returning from the place where the service is performed.

29 (2) In addition to the fees prescribed in ORS 10.061, a juror who is required to travel from the  
30 juror's usual place of abode in order to execute or perform service as a juror in a circuit court shall  
31 be paid mileage at the rate of [*20 cents*] **\$0.545** a mile for travel in going to and returning from the  
32 place where the service is performed. Mileage paid to a juror shall be based on the shortest prac-

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
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1 ticable route between the juror's residence and the place where court is held.

2 (3) In addition to the fees prescribed in ORS 10.061, the State Court Administrator may reim-  
3 burse a juror who uses public transportation to travel from the juror's usual place of abode in order  
4 to execute or perform service as a juror in a circuit court, without regard to the distance traveled  
5 by the juror.

6 (4) In addition to the fees prescribed in ORS 10.061, a juror serving in circuit court may be paid  
7 for lodging expenses, dependent care expenses and other reasonable expenses that arise by reason  
8 of jury service. Expenses under this subsection may be paid only upon written request of the juror,  
9 made in such form and containing such information as may be required by the State Court Admin-  
10 istrator. The State Court Administrator shall establish policies and procedures on eligibility, au-  
11 thorization and payment of expenses under this subsection. Payment of expenses under this  
12 subsection is subject to availability of funds for the payment.

13 (5) A juror shall be paid the mileage and other expenses provided for in this section for each  
14 day's attendance at court.

15 (6) The State Court Administrator shall establish policies and procedures on eligibility, author-  
16 ization and payment of mileage and expenses under subsections (2) to (4) of this section.

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