

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 4007 - 5

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Public Defense Services Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program for services designed to increase access to the justice system. Requires participating attorney to commit public defense services for a minimum of three years and provide services full time or part-time.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon State Treasurer (OST), Counties, Cities, Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC), Department of Justice (DOJ)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Judiciary to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

This measure establishes the Public Defense Services Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program. For the biennium ending June 30, 2023, the measure appropriates moneys out of the General Fund to the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) which shall be transferred to the Oregon State Bar for student loan repayment assistance. The program provides a \$25,000 forgivable loan to eligible public defense attorneys for each 12 months of service. The maximum amount of forgivable loans per public defense attorney is \$200,000, on outstanding debt only. No later than August 31 of each year, the Oregon State Bar shall report on the Public Services Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program to a committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary. The Oregon State Bar shall start accepting applications no later than September 1, 2022 and provide the first report August 31, 2023. The Oregon State Bar may use up to five percent of the moneys transferred to pay for administrative costs of the program. This measure takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its General Fund impact.

Further Analysis Required