

**SB 1543 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Lieber

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 02/23/22

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 6 - Frederick, Golden, Gorsek, Lieber, Steiner Hayward, Taylor

**Nays:** 5 - Anderson, Girod, Hansell, Knopp, Thomsen

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 8 - Bynum, Evans, Gomberg, McLain, Nosse, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

**Nays:** 3 - Breese-Iverson, Reschke, Stark

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**Reviewed By:** John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Judicial Department**

**2021-23**

**Department of Administrative Services**

**2021-23**

## **Budget Summary**

	2021-23		2022		Committee Change from		
	Legislatively Approved Budget		Committee Recommendation		2021-23 Leg. Approved		
				\$ Change	% Change		
<b>Oregon Judicial Department</b>							
General Fund	\$	-	\$	4,500,000	\$	4,500,000	100.0%
<b>Department of Administrative Services</b>							
General Fund	\$	-	\$	10,500,000	\$	10,500,000	100.0%
Other Funds Limited	\$	-	\$	10,500,000	\$	10,500,000	100.0%
Total	\$	-	\$	25,500,000	\$	25,500,000	100.0%

## **Summary of Revenue Changes**

SB 1543 establishes the Universal Representation Fund in the State Treasury and interest earned by the account is credited to the fund. The fund is continuously appropriated the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The measure appropriates \$15 million General Fund and establishes a \$10.5 million of Other Funds expenditure limitation. A General Fund appropriation is the revenue source for the Other Funds expenditure limitation. Of these amounts, DAS is appropriated \$10.5 million General Fund for deposit into the Universal Representation Fund with a corresponding increase of \$10.5 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation to disburse moneys from the fund. The Judicial Department (OJD) is appropriated \$4.5 million General Fund for transfer to the Oregon State Bar for the Legal Services Program.

## **Summary of Public Safety Subcommittee Action**

SB 1543 establishes the Universal Representation Fund in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The fund is established to provide a statewide, integrated, universal navigation and representation system for immigration matters. The measure requires an established nonprofit to serve as the fiscal agent to award grants to organizations to provide services related to immigration matters through a universal representation program, at no cost to the client. This measure specifies standards and guidelines for use of funds for the fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is directed to convene an advisory committee to make recommendations relating to the coordination of services, standards, guidelines, and the development of best practices and other matters related to universal representation. No later than August 31 of each year, the fiscal agent is required to submit a report to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to legal services, DAS, and the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO). The measure specifies the minimum amount of information required in the report.

The subcommittee appropriated \$10.5 million General Fund to DAS, on a one-time basis, for deposit into the Universal Representation Fund and an increase of \$10.5 million of Other Funds expenditure limitation, on a one-time basis, for disbursements from the Universal Representation Fund to a nonprofit fiscal agent. DAS anticipates there will be costs associated with developing a contract with Oregon Worker Relief to administer funds, however, DAS reports these costs will be absorbable within existing resources.

The Subcommittee appropriated \$4.5 million General Fund to OJD, on a one-time basis, to be transferred to the Oregon State Bar, Legal Services Program, to provide legal services to individuals on immigration matters and general legal information and legal referral services. OJD reports that the Department already acts as in this pass-through capacity for other funds transferred to the Oregon State Bar, and therefore can absorb this activity within existing resources.

LFO estimates this measure to have a minimal fiscal impact.

**DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION**

Oregon Judicial Department and Department of Administrative Services  
 Wendy Gibson - 971-900-9992 and Dustin Ball - 971-720-0987

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</b>									
<b>Oregon Judicial Department</b>									
<b>SCR 220 - External Pass-Throughs</b>									
Special Payments	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000		
<b>Department of Administrative Services</b>									
<b>SCR 099 - Special Governmental Payments</b>									
Special Payments: 6060 - Intra Agy Gen Fund Tsfr	\$ 10,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500,000		
Special Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500,000		
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 15,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,500,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>\$ 15,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,500,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
% Change from 2021-23 Leg Approved Budget	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

\*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures