

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 2: Judicial Department Mandated Payments

To:	Emergency Board
From:	Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Evans

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$1,836,007 General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for mandated payments or third-party collections to the Judicial Department for mandated court payments for interpreter services.

The Mandated Payments program provides statutory payments for jurors serving on grand jury or trial service, including interpreter services for non-English speakers.

The program is projecting a budget deficit for the biennium due to the number of cases requiring interpreter services, as well as the rising costs of acquiring and providing Oregon-certified contract court interpreters, and more specifically, certified Spanish language contract interpreters.

Further funding for the Mandated Payments program may be required during the 2025 legislative session when updated cost estimates become available.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.