

HB 2225 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Sollman

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 05/31/23

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 11 - Anderson, Campos, Dembrow, Findley, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Girod, Hansell, Knopp, Sollman, Steiner

House Vote

Yeas: 11 - Breese-Iverson, Evans, Gomberg, Holvey, Lewis, McLain, Pham K, Reschke, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

Nays: 1 - Cate

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Public Defense Services Commission

2023-25

Department of Justice

2023-25

Budget Summary*

	2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾		2023-25 Current Service Level		2023-25 Committee Recommendation		Committee Change from 2021-23 Leg. Approved	
							\$ Change	% Change
Public Defense Services Commission								
General Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	902,665	\$ 902,665	100.0%
Department of Justice								
General Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	50,000	\$ 50,000	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2023

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2225 appropriates \$902,665 General Fund to the Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC) and \$50,000 General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for additional expenses incurred from increased court transcription fees.

Summary of Public Safety Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2225 is an omnibus bill for Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). The measure makes various program and language changes to statutes impacting OJD, including modifications to the process of appointing senior judges, specifications on when senior judges are authorized to issue search warrants, and modifications to the electronic records policy. In particular, the measure makes two fee adjustments for court services provided by OJD:

- *Court transcripts.* The measure increases the cost of court transcripts. Currently, the transcription fee is \$3.00 per page. The measure increases the fee to \$4.25 per page and allows OJD to periodically increase the fee based on the Consumer Price Index.
- *Circuit court filing fee.* The measure reduces the circuit court filing fee for contempt proceedings from \$111 to \$56.

The fee changes are effective October 1, 2023, to align with the date courts issue new filing fees annually.

Public Defense Services Commission

The Subcommittee recommended an increase of \$902,665 General Fund for PDSC for the additional expenses incurred from the increased court transcription fees. PDSC's Court Mandated Expenses program reimburses contracted public defense providers for court mandated fees and expenses incurred on behalf of their client's defense.

Department of Justice

The Subcommittee recommended an increase of \$50,000 General Fund for DOJ's Defense of Criminal Convictions (DCC) program for the additional expenses incurred from the increased court transcription fees. DCC is a budgetary unit used to track the cost of defending the state in cases in which sentenced offenders challenge their convictions or sentences. Personnel and resources connected to this work are part of the Trial and Appellate Divisions which bill this unit for work on individual cases.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Public Defense Services Commission, Department of Justice
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE	
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED				
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>										
Public Defense Services Commission										
SCR 450 - Court Mandated Expenses										
Services and Supplies	\$ 902,665	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	902,665		
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Department of Justice										
SCR 100 - Defense of Criminal Convictions										
Services and Supplies	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	50,000		
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TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 952,665	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	952,665	0	0.00
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SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 952,665	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	952,665		
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