

# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 5512

Ordered by the Senate June 2  
Including Senate Amendments dated June 2

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Judicial Department for certain biennial expenses.  
Limits certain biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and reimbursements from federal service agreements, but excluding lottery funds and other federal funds, collected or received by department.  
Limits biennial expenditures by department from federal funds.  
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for Oregon Law Commission, Council on Court Procedures, conciliation and mediation services in circuit courts, law libraries[,] and Legal Services Program[, *security screening and county courthouse replacement planning*].  
**Modifies specified General Fund appropriations for biennium ending June 30, 2023.**  
**Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Emergency Board for allocation to Judicial Department.**  
Declares emergency, effective [*July 1, 2023*] **on passage.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the Judicial Department; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. There are appropriated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:**

- (1) **Judicial compensation..... \$105,930,600**
- (2) **Operations..... \$462,852,488**
- (3) **Mandated payments ..... \$ 19,048,451**
- (4) **State court technology systems ..... \$ 10,965,969**
- (5) **Debt service ..... \$ 47,253,780**
- (6) **Third-party debt collection..... \$ 17,376,240**

**SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and including reimbursements from federal service agreements, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds not described in this section, collected or received by the Judicial Department for the following purposes:**

- (1) **Operations..... \$ 28,323,339**
- (2) **Mandated payments ..... \$ 752,074**
- (3) **State Court Facilities and**

**Note: For budget, see 2023-2025 Biennial Budget**

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

1 Security Account ..... \$ 7,845,228

2 (4) State Court Technology Fund... \$ 17,169,924

3 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of  
4 \$1,589,232 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for  
5 payment of expenses from federal funds other than those described in section 2 of this 2023  
6 Act collected or received by the Judicial Department.

7 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
8 ated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General  
9 Fund, the amount of \$364,969 for payment of expenses of the Oregon Law Commission.

10 **SECTION 5.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
11 ated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General  
12 Fund, the amount of \$57,343 for payment of expenses of the Council on Court Procedures.

13 **SECTION 6.** (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-  
14 priated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the Gen-  
15 eral Fund, the amount of \$8,179,037 for the purpose of providing conciliation and mediation  
16 services in circuit courts.

17 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall distribute the moneys appropriated un-  
18 der this section to the counties of this state to fund conciliation and mediation services in  
19 circuit courts. The Chief Justice shall consult with the presiding judges of the circuit courts  
20 before making the distributions.

21 **SECTION 7.** (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-  
22 priated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the Gen-  
23 eral Fund, the amount of \$8,179,037 for the purpose of operating law libraries or providing  
24 law library services.

25 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall distribute the moneys appropriated un-  
26 der this section to the counties of this state based on revenues received from filing fees  
27 collected during the biennium ending June 30, 2023, in civil actions commenced in the circuit  
28 court for the county.

29 **SECTION 8.** (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-  
30 priated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the Gen-  
31 eral Fund, the amount of \$13,957,733 for the purpose of funding the Legal Services Program  
32 described in ORS 9.572.

33 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall distribute all moneys appropriated under  
34 this section to the Oregon State Bar in eight quarterly installments of equal amount.

35 **SECTION 9.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts  
36 are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment  
37 of expenses by the Judicial Department from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State  
38 Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services  
39 and transferred to the Judicial Department, for the following purposes:

- 40 (1) Electronic records
- 41 expungement..... \$ 572,000
- 42 (2) Planning funding for
- 43 replacement of Curry County
- 44 Circuit Courthouse..... \$ 300,000

45 **SECTION 10.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation

1 made to the Judicial Department by section 1 (1), chapter 557, Oregon Laws 2021, for the  
2 biennium ending June 30, 2023, for judicial compensation, is decreased by \$1,600,000.

3 **SECTION 11.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation  
4 made to the Judicial Department by section 1 (3), chapter 557, Oregon Laws 2021, for the  
5 biennium ending June 30, 2023, for mandated payments, is increased by \$700,000 for jury and  
6 interpreter expenses.

7 **SECTION 12.** (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is ap-  
8 propriated to the Emergency Board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the  
9 General Fund, the amount of \$3,000,000, to be allocated to the Judicial Department for man-  
10 dated payments or third-party collections.

11 (2) If any of the moneys appropriated by subsection (1) of this section are not allocated  
12 by the Emergency Board prior to December 1, 2024, the moneys remaining on that date be-  
13 come available for any purpose for which the Emergency Board lawfully may allocate funds.

14 **SECTION 13.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
15 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect  
16 on its passage.

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