Senate Bill 5512

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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 as introduced.

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, Legal Services Program, security screening and county courthouse replacement planning.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

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 ............. $126,493,308
2. Operations ................................. $470,048,726
3. Mandated payments .................. $ 39,895,302
4. State court technology systems ..................................... $ 10,965,969
5. Debt service .............................. $ 43,253,780
6. Third-party debt collection ................... $ 17,376,240

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts for the biennium ending July 1, 2023, are 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 ................................. $ 26,919,952
2. Mandated payments .................. $ 750,876
3. State Court Facilities and Security Account ..................................... $ 16,506,308
4. State Court Technology Fund... $ 16,976,500

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of $1,584,283 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from federal funds other than those described in section 2 of this 2023 Biennial Budget.

Note: For budget, see 2023-2025 Biennial Budget
Act collected or received by the Judicial Department.

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

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

SECTION 6. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $8,179,037 for the purpose of providing conciliation and mediation services in circuit courts.

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

SECTION 7. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $8,179,037 for the purpose of operating law libraries or providing law library services.

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

SECTION 8. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $27,957,733 for the purpose of funding the Legal Services Program described in ORS 9.572.

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

SECTION 9. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $12,522,260 for the purpose of security screening in circuit courts.

(2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall distribute the moneys appropriated under this section to the counties of this state to fund security screening in circuit courts. The Chief Justice shall consult with the presiding judges of the circuit courts before making the distributions.

SECTION 10. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $1,673,799 for the purpose of replacement planning for county courthouses.

(2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall distribute the moneys appropriated under this section to the counties of this state to fund replacement planning for county courthouses. The Chief Justice shall consult with the presiding judges of the circuit courts before making the distributions.

SECTION 11. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.