

I write in reference to SB858, a proposal to change change ORS 9.820. I am concerned that the amended statute would allow administrators to access law-library funding to implement court facilitation programs. Although such programs are important, it is critical that the funding not impair the provision of traditional law-library services.

Therefore, I encourage the supporters of this bill to add a limitation such as:

> (3) The county governing body may use up to one-third of law library
> moneys distributed to the county by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
> Court from moneys appropriated to the Judicial Department for the
> purpose of operating law libraries or providing law library services,
> for the purpose of providing services under (2). If law library
> moneys are also used for conciliation and mediation as provided by
> 9.829, then the combined total may not exceed one-half of law library
> moneys.

or

> (3) When an agreement is established under Oregon Laws 2018, ch. 29
> Sect. 2 to establish a court facilitation program, the county
> governing body may not appropriate more than one-third of law library
> moneys from OJD for that purpose. The county governing body must
> provide for law library services including but not limited to:
> trained library staff; print and electronic primary and secondary
> legal resources; and continuing educational materials for legal
> professionals. If law library moneys are also used for conciliation
> and mediation as provided by ORS 9.829 and/or for a family law
> facilitation program established under ORS 3.428, then the combined
> total may not exceed one-half of law library moneys.

Thank you,

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