HB 2788 -1   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits Department of Justice from charging officers and agencies of state government for assistance rendered. Directs department to pay costs of assistance rendered to officers and agencies of state government using funds appropriated to the department. Allows department to charge public body other than state government for assistance rendered.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Prohibits Department of Justice from entering into or renewing a collective bargaining agreement that permits job classification or performance evaluations of attorneys employed by the department based on hours billed by the attorney. Becomes operative July 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Current law establishes requirements for the Department of Justice to charge agencies of state government and public bodies for assistance rendered. ORS 174.109 defines "public body" as state government bodies, local government bodies and special government bodies.

ORS 180.160 allows the Department of Justice, in rendering assistance to agencies of state government and public bodies, to charge such agencies and public bodies for the cost of such assistance, including but not limited to salaries of assistants and administrative and clerical salaries, investigative services, and capital outlay. ORS 283.425 directs the Department of Justice to charge the Department of Administrative Services for costs incurred in asbestos property recovery litigation.

House Bill 2788 prohibits the Department of Justice from charging officers and agencies of state government for assistance rendered and directs the department to pay costs for assistance rendered using funds appropriated to the department for that purpose, including for the costs incurred in asbestos property recovery litigation. The measure allows the department to continue to charge local government and special government bodies for assistance rendered.