

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
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The revenue impact of this measure is indeterminate for the following reasons:

- 1) Payment Schedule Assessment Fees - Removing the minimum \$50 payment schedule assessment fee in ORS 1.202 will allow more flexibility for courts to set the fees based on someone's ability to pay and payment timeline. The collection rates on these fees are low (20 - year collection rate of 48%). Under current law, the Chief Justice has the authority to authorize courts to waive fees. This measure would authorize the Chief Justice to direct courts to waive fees in certain circumstances. These types of criteria for waivers or delays on assessment of fees might reduce revenue, but it is equally likely that it will enhance collection rates resulting in increased revenue.
- 2) Restitution Judgments - Provides a technical fix for SB 55 (2015), ORS 293.240, to allow for the settlement of fines/fees on judgments with restitution. These amounts have a low collection rate (20-year collection rate of 30%). With this measure Courts would get more flexibility to collect if someone is able to pay a portion of their judgment when it has been uncollectible for years. Like the debt settlement provisions in ORS 293.240, they are intended to be used in limited circumstances under criteria set forth in a Chief Justice Order (CJO). This is likely to have similar chances of increases or decreases in revenue.