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Measure: SB 214 - A2

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Measure Description:

Provides that certain evidence of economic damages creates rebuttable presumption of reasonableness for purposes of restitution ordered as part of criminal sentence.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC), Department of Justice (DOJ), District Attorneys and their Deputies (DAs), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

Analysis: The measure creates rebuttable presumption that evidence of a charge, expense, or cost introduced by the district attorney during presentation of restitution is reasonable if: 1) the evidence is a record, bill, estimate, or invoice produced by a third party; and 2) the evidence is accompanied by a sworn statement from the victim that the document is for economic damages recoverable as restitution and no other charges, expenses, or costs.

The Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC) states that the fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate due to not knowing the number of cases in which PDSC may need to fund additional experts or the average costs of those varied experts would be.

The Criminal Justice Commission, Department of Justice, District Attorneys, and the Oregon Judicial Department do not anticipate a fiscal impact due to this measure.

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