

HB 2427 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies mileage reimbursement rate for witnesses to court proceedings from 25 cents a mile to the federal court per-mile reimbursement rate. Specifies that in any proceeding where a public body is a party (including criminal cases), the mileage reimbursement rate will change from eight cents per mile to the federal court per-mile reimbursement rate.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

If a witness is subpoenaed for court, the witness is paid 30 dollars a day for attendance and reimbursed for mileage at 25 cents per mile; for proceedings where the government is a party, it is five dollars a day and eight cents per mile, respectively. 28 USC section 1821 governs per diems and mileage at the federal level, and is adjusted periodically by the Administrator of General Services. Currently the federal private vehicle reimbursement rate is 66 cents per mile (rounded up). In civil cases, these fees are paid by party who subpoenaed the witness.

House Bill 2427 modifies the Oregon per-mile reimbursement rate for traveling to perform court witness duties, by making it equal to the federal reimbursement rate.