

HB 2224 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases the juror fee from 10 dollars to 50 dollars per day the first two days of attendance and for third and subsequent days from 25 dollars to 60 dollars per day. Allows the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) to periodically increase juror fees for circuit court service to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index. For non-circuit courts, modifies the mileage reimbursement rate for juror service travel from eight cents per mile to the federal rate, and for circuit courts, from 20 cents per mile to the federal rate. Takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently federal private vehicle per-mile reimbursement rate is 66 cents per mile (rounded up). This federal rate is adjusted periodically by the Administrator of General Services.

House Bill 2224 increases the fees paid to jurors and allows for future cost of living adjustments by OJD. It also matches the mileage reimbursement rate to the federal reimbursement rate for travel using a private vehicle.