

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 627

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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for purposes of deposit in Universal Representation Fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services, Judicial Department, Secretary of State

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

The measure appropriates General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for funds to be deposited into the Universal Representation Fund and to the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) for funds to be transferred to the Oregon State Bar for use by the Legal Services Program. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

Department of Administrative Services

The measure appropriates \$10.5 million General Fund to DAS for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for deposit into the Universal Representation Fund and shall disburse the funds to the Oregon Worker Relief. DAS reports the costs associated with disbursing the funds will be absorbable within existing resources.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the measure does not include Other Funds expenditure limitation to allow DAS to expend the \$10.5 million General Fund from the Universal Representation Fund nor OJD to expend the \$4.5 million General Fund appropriation.

Oregon Judicial Department

The measure appropriates \$4.5 million General Fund to OJD for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and requires the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to transfer the funds to the Oregon State Bar for use by the Legal Services Program. The Legal Services Program provides legal services to individuals on immigration matters, general legal information, and legal referral services. OJD reports that the agency acts as a pass-through entity for funds transferred to the Oregon State Bar, and therefore can absorb this activity within existing resources.

Secretary of State reports there is no fiscal impact associated with this measure.

This measure has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.