

House Bill 2224

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Increases fees paid to jurors and provides for adjustment of fees to reflect increases in cost of living. Modifies rate paid to jurors for mileage.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to compensation for juror service; amending ORS 10.061 and 10.065; and prescribing an ef-
3 fective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 10.061 is amended to read:

6 10.061. (1) The fee of jurors in courts other than circuit courts is [*\$10*] **\$50** for each day that a
7 juror is required to attend.

8 (2)(a) The fee of jurors for the first two days of required attendance in circuit court during a
9 term of service is [*\$10*] **\$50** for each day that a juror is required to attend.

10 (b) The fee of jurors for the third and subsequent days of required attendance in circuit court
11 during a term of service is [*\$25*] **\$60** for each day that a juror is required to attend.

12 **(c) The Judicial Department may periodically increase the fees of jurors who are required**
13 **to provide service in circuit court to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index for**
14 **All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statis-**
15 **tics of the United States Department of Labor, since the last time the fees were increased.**
16 **If the Judicial Department increases the fees under this paragraph, the adjusted fees shall**
17 **be rounded to the nearest dollar, but the unrounded amount shall be used to calculate each**
18 **subsequent adjustment. The increased fees become effective on July 1 following the election**
19 **to increase the fees and apply to jury service performed on or after July 1 following the**
20 **election to increase the fees.**

21 (3) Unless otherwise provided by the terms of an employment agreement, a juror must waive the
22 juror's fee provided for in subsection (1), (2) or (4) of this section if the juror is paid a wage or salary
23 by the juror's employer for the days that the juror is required to attend a court, including a mu-
24 nicipal or justice court. The provisions of this subsection do not affect any claim a juror may have
25 for mileage reimbursement under ORS 10.065.

26 (4) In addition to the fees and mileage prescribed in subsection (1) of this section and ORS 10.065
27 for service in a court other than a circuit court, the governing body of a city or county may provide
28 by ordinance for an additional juror fee and for city or county reimbursement of jurors for mileage
29 and other expenses incurred in serving as jurors in courts other than circuit courts.

30 **SECTION 2.** ORS 10.065 is amended to read:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 10.065. (1) In addition to the fees prescribed in ORS 10.061, a juror who is required to travel
2 from the juror's usual place of abode in order to execute or perform service as a juror in a court
3 other than a circuit court shall be paid mileage [*at the rate of eight cents a mile*] for travel in going
4 to and returning from the place where the service is performed **at a per-mile rate equivalent to**
5 **the reimbursement rates established by the United States General Services Administration**
6 **for reimbursement for the use of privately owned motor vehicles when conducting govern-**
7 **ment business.**

8 (2) In addition to the fees prescribed in ORS 10.061, a juror who is required to travel from the
9 juror's usual place of abode in order to execute or perform service as a juror in a circuit court shall
10 be paid mileage [*at the rate of 20 cents a mile*] for travel in going to and returning from the place
11 where the service is performed **at a per-mile rate equivalent to the reimbursement rates es-**
12 **tablished by the United States General Services Administration for reimbursement for the**
13 **use of privately owned motor vehicles when conducting government business.** Mileage paid to
14 a juror shall be based on the shortest practicable route between the juror's residence and the place
15 where court is held.

16 (3) In addition to the fees prescribed in ORS 10.061, the State Court Administrator may reim-
17 burse a juror who uses public transportation to travel from the juror's usual place of abode in order
18 to execute or perform service as a juror in a circuit court, without regard to the distance traveled
19 by the juror.

20 (4) In addition to the fees prescribed in ORS 10.061, a juror serving in circuit court may be paid
21 for lodging expenses, dependent care expenses and other reasonable expenses that arise by reason
22 of jury service. Expenses under this subsection may be paid only upon written request of the juror,
23 made in such form and containing such information as may be required by the State Court Admin-
24 istrator. The State Court Administrator shall establish policies and procedures on eligibility, au-
25 thorization and payment of expenses under this subsection. Payment of expenses under this
26 subsection is subject to availability of funds for the payment.

27 (5) A juror shall be paid the mileage and other expenses provided for in this section for each
28 day's attendance at court.

29 (6) The State Court Administrator shall establish policies and procedures on eligibility, author-
30 ization and payment of mileage and expenses under subsections (2) to (4) of this section.

31 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
32 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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