

HB 3383 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure raises certain fees collected by county clerks.

Increases the statutory fees for:

- each official certificate and locating a record from \$3.75 to \$5;
- recording any instrument required or permitted by law from \$5 for each page to \$10 for the first page and \$5 for each additional page;
- taking an affidavit for and making, issuing, and/or registering a marriage license or declaration of domestic partnership from \$25 to \$35; and,
- when an instrument for recording does not comply with certain requirements from \$20 to \$30.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon statute authorizes county clerks to charge certain fees and requires that the clerks charge and collect in advance a penalty when an instrument required or permitted by law to be recorded does not meet certain requirements (ORS 205.320 and ORS 205.327). The current fee amounts for each official certificate (\$3.75), for locating a record (\$3.75), and taking an affidavit for and making, issuing, and registering a marriage license (\$25) were set in statute by the Legislative Assembly in 1981. The \$5 per page fee for recording any instrument required or permitted by law was established in 1987. The penalty for presenting nonstandard instruments for recording was established in 1991 at \$20.