

HB 2712 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**Judicial Department
2025-27**

PRELIMINARY

Budget Summary*

	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,238,085	\$ 13,238,085	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,238,085	\$ 13,238,085	100.0%

Position Summary

Oregon Judicial Department

Authorized Positions	0	0	6	6
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	5.13	5.13

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2025

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2712 appropriates \$13.2 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) for an increase to the annual salaries of statutory judgeships and then directs the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to exercise the existing authority to promote judicial accountability and fair and accessible justice services.

Summary of Public Safety Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2712 increases the annual salary of statutory judgeships in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Courts, and circuit courts on July 1, 2025, and then again on July 1, 2027, after allowing for any management service cost-of-living allowance(s) granted under ORS 292.428. The statutory changes are reflected below:

- The annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court increases from \$157,076 to \$224,784 effective July 1, 2025, then 110% of the annual salary effective July 1, 2027.
- The annual salary of a Justice of the Supreme Court increases from \$154,040 to \$220,596 effective July 1, 2025, then 110% of the annual salary effective July 1, 2027.
- The annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals increases from \$154,040 to \$220,596 effective July 1, 2025, then 110% of the annual salary effective July 1, 2027.

- The annual salary of a Justice of the Court of Appeals increases from \$150,980 to \$216,336 effective July 1, 2025, then 110% of the annual salary effective July 1, 2027.
- The annual salary of a judge of the Oregon Tax Court increases from \$151,048 to \$209,532 effective July 1, 2025, then 110% of the annual salary effective July 1, 2027.
- The annual salary of a judge of the circuit court increases from \$147,136 to \$204,060 effective July 1, 2025, then 110% of the annual salary effective July 1, 2027.

Of note, while the base statutory amounts are increased by the measure, the current salary amounts, which are the actual basis of the increase, include the most recent cost of living adjustment, are as follows:

- The annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is \$204,348.
- The annual salary of a Justice of the Supreme Court is \$200,544.
- The annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is \$200,544.
- The annual salary of a Justice of the Court of Appeals is \$196,668.
- The annual salary of a judge of the Oregon Tax Court is \$190,488.
- The annual salary of a judge of the circuit court is \$185,508.

The estimated cost to OJD for increasing the salary of the 203 statutory judgeships is \$11.3 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

The other provisions of the measure relating to the Chief Justice's discretion to establish both an ombudsman office within the Office of the State Court Administrator, as well as a training curriculum to strengthen the skills and resilience for members of the Judicial Conference, are estimated to cost \$1.9 million in the 2025-27 biennium. For the ombudsman's office, OJD estimates the need for six permanent full-time positions (5.13 FTE in 2025-27). For the training program, apart from this measure and the measure's budgetary impact, the office of the State Court Administrator is planning to reorganize existing judicial and staff training and education resources in further support of the measure.

There is also an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability, as the measure may lessen the number of complaints that go to the Commission.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Oregon Judicial Department
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE	
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED				
Oregon Judicial Department										
SCR 010 - Judicial Compensation										
Personal Services	\$ 11,328,430	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,328,430	0	0.00	
SCR 102 - Administration and Central Support										
Personal Services	\$ 1,764,071	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,764,071	6	5.13	
Services and Supplies	\$ 145,584	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,584			
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 13,238,085	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,238,085	6	5.13	
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 13,238,085	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,238,085	6	5.13	

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures

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