

HB 3383

DOCUMENT RECORDING FEE BILL

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Please Help Clerks by Passing HB 3383

- The County Clerks, who are responsible for elections, recording documents & marriage licenses, request the legislature pass HB 3383 to make small increases to some of the fees they collect.
- For the majority of counties, recording fees & marriage license fees help to fund the functions and services administered by the clerk (including elections).
- House Bill 3383 changes Oregon statute to increase a few fees that the County Clerk are allowed to retain. Currently, a county clerk's office only keeps \$5 per recorded document page and \$25 for each marriage license.
 - **1987** was last time the county fee was increased for recording.
 - **1981** was last time the county fee was increased for marriage licenses.
- HB 3383 will raise the first page fee to \$10 and the marriage license fee to \$35, as well as the minimum fee to \$5 (from \$3.75).
- The state has passed laws to implement fees the clerks must collect, audit and remit to the state without allowing clerks to retain a percentage.
 - *Example: State Housing Fee - now \$60*
- The cost of delivering services has continued to rise for a host of reasons, including inflation. Unfortunately, revenue has also steadily declined, leaving county clerk offices without the proper resources to be successful in all its duties.

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DOCUMENT RECORDING FEES

HOW THE FEES ARE DISTRIBUTED

Example from Jackson County:



Of the \$116.00 fee for recording the first page of a Trust Deed example:

- \$5.00 - first page (\$5.00 each additional page)
- \$10.00 - Jackson County Surveyor, to establish and maintain land survey corners and for preservation and retention of survey records.
- \$13.00 - Geographic information systems (GIS) fee
- \$13.00 - Surveyor Services Fee
- \$60.00 - State of Oregon Housing and Community Services Department Programs fee
- \$11.00 - State of Oregon Department of Revenue fee
- \$4.00 Jackson County (Clerk) fee, cost to offset collection, distribution and preservation of Oregon Housing and Community Service fee.

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