

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 200
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
APRIL 2, 2025**

**PRESENTED BY: PHILLIP LEMMAN, DEPUTY STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR
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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

I am here today to ask you to adopt the -1 amendments to Senate Bill 200. The amended bill would provide the Joint Committee on Ways and Means a vehicle to consider streamlining how state court technology services are funded by using General Fund appropriations.

The State Court Technology Fund (Technology Fund) was created in 2013 and pays for the technology systems that allow electronic filing of documents, online payment of fees and fines, and the remote information access features of Oregon eCourt.

These services initially were funded by court technology user fees and a specified percentage of statutory filing fees that were directed to the Technology Fund. That revenue was used to develop, maintain, and support access to those systems and services. Because the Oregon Judicial Department offers that information access at no cost to public safety agencies and public defenders, the legislature authorized an allocation from the Criminal Fines Account to support those costs, and over time also has added General Fund appropriations.

The Chief Justice's Recommended Budget for the 2025-27 biennium has a Policy Option Package that requests the legislature to shift funding for these services solely to the General Fund. The -1 amendments would provide the statutory provisions needed for the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to consider that request. If adopted and passed, the bill would repeal the State Court Technology Fund, terminate the other fund revenues into the Technology Fund, and transfer the Technology Fund balance into the General Fund.

We ask that you approve the -1 amendments and move the bill to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for its consideration. I would be glad to answer any questions.