

2022 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY REPORT

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This Legislative Summary Report highlights Courts policy measures that received a public hearing during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. The report includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

- SB 1543** ✓ Creates a statewide universal representation program to provide certain immigration-related services, including legal representation and counseling, access to community-based navigators, and referral coordination.
- SB 1560** ✓ Changes the term "alien" to "noncitizen" in Oregon rules, regulations and statute, and allows executive branch agencies to amend a rule without prior notice or hearing if the amendment is solely for the purpose of changing a term or phrase in order to conform with a change prescribed by law.
- SB 1581** ✗ Would have increased judicial salaries for Oregon's circuit courts, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, and Tax Court.
- SB 1584** ✓ Allows a person to receive compensation if convicted of a felony and imprisoned, and later the conviction is reversed or vacated; on retrial the person was found not guilty; or the person receives a pardon on the grounds of innocence (if the person did not commit the crime), was not an accessory or accomplice to the crime, and did not commit perjury (a false guilty plea or admission does not constitute perjury).
- HB 4007 A** ✗ Would have established the Public Defense Services Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program to provide forgivable loans to eligible public defense attorneys for outstanding student loans.
- HB 4073** ✗ Would have modified procedures for disqualifying judges from cases and the procedures for exercising peremptory challenges in criminal trials. The measure also would have provided that a claim of self-defense (or the defense of others) is an affirmative defense when the person engaged in conduct that caused the victim to be unavailable as a witness.
- HB 4120** ✓ Allows courts to waive violation fines or impose alternative payment conditions and provides persons in custody with alternative methods to request a waiver of certain court filing fees. The measure also limits additional filing fees when requesting multiple fiduciaries or protective orders and for amending a small estate affidavit. Finally, the measure allows courts to continue using remote proceedings after the statewide COVID-19 emergency ends.

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HB 4121



Allows presiding judges of judicial districts to appoint child support referees and directs the positions to be partially paid for using federal Title IV-D funding.