

Interim Committee on State Justice System Revenue – Charter

<p>Purpose – Through February 2010</p>	<p>The Interim Committee on State Justice System Revenues is directed by HB 2287 to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop an understanding of Judicial Department revenues and the distribution and use of those revenues; 2. Determine the HB 2287 revenue available for distribution; 3. Review the current budget status of State Justice System entities; and 4. Recommend distribution of HB 2287 revenue during the 2010 special session.
<p>Purpose – February 2010 Through January 2011</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Identify national justice system funding models, and identify best practices; 6. Develop a recommended structure to simplify Oregon’s Judicial Department revenue structure, including new revenue and collection methods; 7. Develop recommendations for the distribution and use of revenues; and 8. Develop proposed legislation for the 2011 regular session.
<p>Principles</p>	<p>The workgroup’s final recommendation must be based upon the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to the State Justice System must be preserved through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adequate levels of funding that ensure justice system services are provided; and b. Judicial Department fees and charges which ensure that justice system services are affordable and sanctions are appropriate. 2. The revenue system is easily understood and transparent so <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Legislature can exercise its responsibilities, including fiduciary responsibilities; and b. Anyone accessing the State Justice System can readily understand its costs. 3. There is a stable system of funding for Oregon’s Justice System. 4. There is a systemic approach to the distribution of State Justice System funds. 5. The purpose for which the revenue is collected and distributed is clearly aligned with the payment of the fees, fines, costs and surcharges. 6. Revenue system changes will minimize administrative costs, including the cost of revenue management and collections.
<p>Decision-making Parameters</p>	<p>The workgroup recommendation should be based on the following parameters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The interim committee will look at all revenues of the Judicial Department;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The interim committee's recommendation to the 2011 Legislature will reflect a long-term or permanent funding solution; 3. Approval of all fees, fines, costs or surcharges must be statutory and subject to legislative approval similar to the Executive Branch; 4. The interim committee's recommendations will not negatively impact the state's General Fund; 5. If the interim committee recommendations have an impact on local courts, then the committee will also recommend necessary legislative changes; 6. Revenue must be accounted for discretely in statutorily-established accounts; and 7. Recommendations related to revenue generation should be limited to the preservation of existing services and should exclude new initiatives.
Meeting Schedule	<p>The workgroup will meet on the following schedule:*</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. October 2, 2009 [Review of current revenue structure, distributions, and fiduciary oversight] 2. November 17, 2009 [Additional review of state justice system funding sources; entities in system; OJD/PDSC budgets; HB 2287 preliminary allocations options] 3. January 2010 [HB 2287 allocation] 4. February XX, 2010 [Special Session] 5. May XX, 2010 [Court Users and Payers] 6. August XX, 2010 [Proposal for a new revenue and distribution structure] 7. January XX, 2011 [Regular Session] <p>*Other meetings as approved by Legislative Leadership</p>
Membership	<p>Senate Co-Chair – Sen. Joanne Verger Senate Member #2 – Sen. Suzanne Bonamici Senate Member #3 – Sen. Doug Whitsett House Co-Chair – Rep. Nancy Nathanson House Member #2 – Rep. Cliff Bentz House Member #3 – Rep. Chris Garrett</p>
Nonvoting liaisons	<p>Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appointee – Doug Bray Oregon State Bar appointee – Christopher Kent</p>
Committee Rules	<p>The Committee shall adopt model rules</p>
Committee Expenses	<p>The reasonable and ordinary expenses associated with the Committee, Committee members, and Committee staff shall be funded as part of the HB 2287 revenue allocation.</p>
Staff Support	<p>Committee Service; Legislative Fiscal Office; and Oregon Judicial Department Additional staff assistance may be provided by: Legislative Counsel and Legislative Revenue</p>