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## OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT Office of the State Court Administrator

May 19, 2015 (SENT BY EMAIL)

## MEMORANDUM

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- FROM: Bruce C. Miller Senior Counsel to the State Court Administrator
- RE: Oregon Tort Claims Act Annual Adjustment of the Statutory Liability Limits, Effective July 1, 2015

The Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA) has followed the required statutory methodology identified in ORS 30.271(4), 30.272(4), and 30.273(3) to calculate the annual adjustment to the limitations on liability of state and local public bodies for personal injury, death, and property damage or destruction. Based on these calculations, the limitations are adjusted as shown in this table:

| Public Body    | Claimant(s) | Claim                          | Adjusted Limit |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| state          | single      | injury or death                | \$ 2,048,300   |
| state          | multiple    | injury or death                | \$ 4,096,600   |
| local          | single      | injury or death                | \$ 682,800     |
| local          | multiple    | injury or death                | \$ 1,365,500   |
| state or local | single      | property damage or destruction | \$ 112,000     |
| state or local | multiple    | property damage or destruction | \$ 560,000     |

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These new limitations become effective on July 1, 2015, and apply to all causes of action arising on or after July 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2016.

OSCA opened a public comment period on the adjustments from March 24, 2015, to 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2015. We received no comments.

A list of past and current limitations on liability of public bodies can be found on the Oregon Judicial Department website at:

http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/courts/circuit/pages/tort\_claims\_act.aspx

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