



OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
Court Language Access Services

DATE: June 13, 2016
TO: Freelance Certified and Registered Interpreters
FROM: Kelly Mills, Program Manager, Court Language Access Services
RE: 2017 Interpreter Rate Increase

OJD Freelance Court Interpreters:

I am pleased to announce that after conducting an external review of rates in the Oregon language access market, assessing official inflation factors, and discussions with interpreters, the OJD will provide an inflation adjustment to OJD credentialed court interpreters' hourly rates.

Based on the State of Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast (released on June 3, 2016), OJD court interpreters holding **OJD Certification or OJD Registered** credentials will receive an hourly rate increase of \$3.50 per hour on **January 1, 2017**. The OJD is committed to periodically reviewing rates and making regular adjustments based upon inflation, market competitiveness, and availability of state funds and resources.

I am very pleased to make this announcement to you, and to express my deepest appreciation for the collaboration between professional interpreters and the Oregon Judicial Department. I continue to be humbled by the depth of leadership and commitment of interpreters and by the power of diverse voices which make Oregon a better place for everyone.

For the complete economic and revenue forecast or to look at past forecasts go to:
<http://www.oregon.gov/das/OEA/Pages/forecastcorev.aspx>

Sincerely,

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