



OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
Court Language Access Services

DATE: June 23, 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:

Overwhelmingly positive support -- that's what I am hearing from Oregon certified and registered interpreters regarding OJD's announcement of a rate increase, effective January 1, 2017. Again, I am so pleased we are able to implement this. I have also received a few common questions that I will address here.

Because there were no increases in 2014, 2015, or 2016, the \$3.50 dollar amount is based on the application of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during those years. The implementation date is based on the state budget cycle and economic forecast. 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 look forward in 2017 to new beginnings and new efforts to provide Oregonians across the state with an accessible, fair, responsive court system. I thank each of you for your commitment to the Oregon courts.

Sincerely,

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