



OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
Court Interpreter Services

DATE: June 13, 2013:
TO: Freelance Certified Interpreters
FROM: Kelly Mills, Program Manager, Court Interpreter Services
RE: Progress on OJD's Policy Option Package- Certified Interpreter Raise

Good morning,

I am very pleased to report on progress made related to the OJD's Policy Option Package to provide a raise to certified interpreters. This week the OJD's Legislative budget subcommittee approved a base budget for the OJD in the next biennium and provided for an hourly rate increase for certified court interpreters. As you know, this would be the first hourly rate increase since 1998! The OJD budget will now be considered in the full Ways and Means Committee and then proceed to the House and Senate floors for a vote. The OJD is analyzing the budget details and, as always, the possibility of additional changes before the legislature adjourns, but I am hopeful that soon I will be able to address a process for implementing changes. This will be sometime after Session ends and the OJD Business and Fiscal Services (BFSD) Division can incorporate all budget adjustments.

Best regards,

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