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Adjusted Public Body Tort Liability Limits – *Effective July 1, 2017*

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	\$ 2,118,000
state	multiple	injury or death	\$ 4,236,000
local	single	injury or death	\$ 706,000
local	multiple	injury or death	\$ 1,412,000
state or local	single	property damage or destruction	\$ 115,800
state or local	multiple	property damage or destruction	\$ 579,000

These new limitations became effective on July 1, 2017, and apply to all causes of action arising on or after July 1, 2017, and before July 1, 2018.

OSCA opened a public comment period on the adjustments from March 6, 2017, to 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2017. They received no public comment.

A list of past and current limitations on liability of public bodies can be found on the Oregon Judicial Department website at *http://www.courts.oregon.gov/Pages/tort.aspx*.

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