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Adjusted Public Body Tort Liability Limits

Effective July 1, 2018, the Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA) has calculated the annual adjustment to the limitations on liability of state and local public bodies for personal injury, death, and property damage or destruction using the statutory formula identified in ORS 30.271(4), 30.272(4), and 30.273(3). 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	\$ 2,181,600
state	multiple	injury or death	\$ 4,363,100
local	single	injury or death	\$ 727,200
local	multiple	injury or death	\$ 1,454,300
state or local	single	property damage or destruction	\$ 119,300
state or local	multiple	property damage or destruction	\$ 596,400

These new limitations became effective on July 1, 2018, and apply to all causes of action arising on or after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019.

OSCA opened a public comment period on the adjustments from March 15, 2018, to 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2018. The OSCA 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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