

## Adjusted Tort Liability Limits Against Public Bodies

The Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA) has followed the required statutory methodology identified in ORS 30.273(3) to calculate the annual adjustment to the limitations on liability of public bodies for property damage or destruction. Based on these calculations, the limitations are adjusted to \$106,700 for any single claimant and \$533,400 for all claimants. These new limitations became effective on July 1, 2013, and apply to all causes of action arising on or after July 1, 2013, and before July 1, 2014.

OSCA opened a public comment period on the adjustments from March 29, 2013, to 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2013, but received no comments challenging the calculations.

As a reminder, ORS 30.271 and 30.272 establish the annual adjustments to the limitations on liability of public bodies for personal injury and death. Pursuant to ORS 30.271(2) and (3), the limitations applicable to the State for personal injury and death are adjusted to \$1,900,000 for any single claimant and \$3,800,000 for all claimants. Pursuant to ORS 30.272(2) and (3), the limitations applicable to local public bodies for personal injury and death are adjusted to \$633,300 for any single claimant and \$1,266,700 for all claimants. These new limitations became effective on July 1, 2013, and apply to all causes of action arising on or after July 1, 2013, and before July 1, 2014.

A list of past and current limitations on liability of public bodies can be found on the Oregon Judicial Department website at [http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/courts/circuit/tort\\_claims\\_act.page?](http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/courts/circuit/tort_claims_act.page?). Please submit questions or comments to [bruce.c.miller@state.or.us](mailto:bruce.c.miller@state.or.us).

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