

LAW UPDATES

Increased Liability Limits for Public Bodies

Oregon's Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA) has increased the limits of liability for state and local public bodies in cases involving personal injury or death and property damage or destruction.

OSCA adjusts the limits annually, as required by statute. The new amounts took effect on July 1; they apply to all causes of action arising on or after July 1, 2020, and before July 1, 2021.

Based on OSCA's calculations, the new limits are:

- \$2,307,500 for injury or death claims against a state body that involve a single claimant. The old limit was \$2,247,000.
- \$4,615,000 for injury or death claims against a state body that involve multiple claimants. The old limit was \$4,494,000.

- \$769,200 for injury or death claims against a local body that involve a single claimant. The old limit was \$749,000.
- \$1,538,300 for injury or death claims against a local body that involve multiple claimants. The old limit was \$1,498,000.
- \$126,200 for property damage or destruction claims against a state or local body that involve a single claimant. The old limit was \$122,900.
- \$630,800 for property damage or destruction claims against a state or local body that involve multiple claimants. The old limit was \$614,300. ■

A list of past and current limitations on liability of public bodies can be found on the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) website at <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/Pages/tort.aspx>.