

SUPPORT SB 817

END JUVENILE FEES & FINES IN OREGON

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SB 817 WILL ELIMINATE:

✓ FEES	✓ FINES	✗ RESTI-TUTION
Repeals authority to charge and collect juvenile fees to recover administrative costs	Repeals authority to charge and collect juvenile fines as a monetary sanction	Does not impact restitution to victims of crimes

MOST FEES & FINES ARE NEVER COLLECTED

Nearly **90%** of juvenile court debt is more than 5 years old, which the Oregon Judicial Department considers "**virtually uncollectible**"

FINES ARE HARMFUL AND DO NOT HOLD YOUTH ACCOUNTABLE

"Juvenile court judges have many different ways to promote community safety, rehabilitation, and accountability such as **probation, community service, and counseling**... [Fines] undermine the purposes of the juvenile justice system and contribute further to racial disparities."

-Judge Merri Souther Wyatt
Multnomah County Juvenile & Family Court (retired)

AGENCIES TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF FEE REPEAL

- ✓ OR Juvenile Department Directors' Association
- ✓ OR Judicial Department
- ✓ Department of Justice - Division of Child Support
- ✗ No registered opposition

"Even the most compliant probationer cannot pay money that they do not have."

-Oregon Juvenile Dept.
Directors' Association

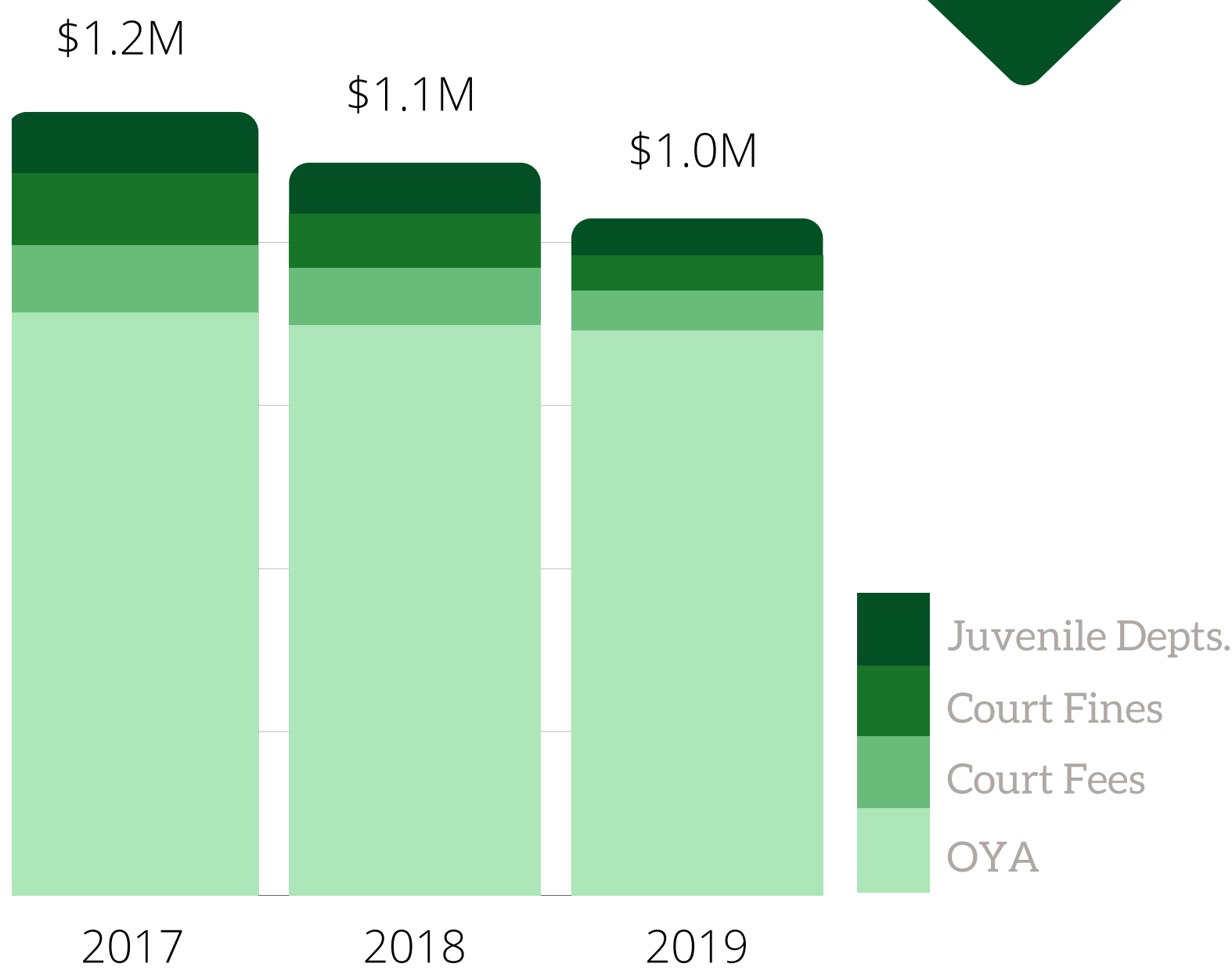
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FEE & FINE REVENUE
IS LOW & DECLINING



Total juvenile fees and fines collected in Oregon

COLLECTION COSTS
ARE HIGH & RISING

State collection costs have
increased 40%
in the last 3 years

The state lost money in 2019,
spending \$866K
to collect \$864K
in support fees for youth in
OYA custody

FEES AND FINES HARM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES
& YOUTH OF COLOR

96%

of parents who owe OYA fees earn
< \$2,000/mo., according to DOJ-DCS

Black and Indigenous youth are
3x more likely than white youth to
be committed to state custody,
causing fees to pile up

SOURCES: Oregon Judicial Department, State Court Administrator (2018, 2020, 2021)
Oregon Department of Justice, Division of Child Support (2020, 2021)
Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (2020, 2021)
Oregon Legislative Information System, olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Testimony/SB422 (2021)

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