FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Increases number of Court of Appeals judges from 10 to 16.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Judicial Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
General Fund		\$2,936,254
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds		
Federal Funds		
Total Funds	\$0	\$2,936,254
Positions		13
FTE		11.73

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: The bill increases the number of judges of the Court of Appeals from 10 to 16. The measure has an operative date of October 1, 2015 for three new Court of Appeal judgeships and an October 1, 2015 operative date for an additional three new Court of Appeal Judgeships. The annual salary of each Court of Appeals judgeship is set in statute and is \$122,820. The cost of benefits is approximately \$38,320 for a total annual cost of \$161,140 per judgeship.

The measure does not have a fiscal impact for the 2011-13 biennium, however, the Oregon Judicial Department states that the cost of this measure for the 2013-15 biennium is \$2.9 million (13 positions/11.73 FTE) and that the fiscal impact for the 2015-17 biennium is over \$6.2 million.