

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 262 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Appeals Court procedures.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Judicial Department
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Analysis.		

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage.

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: This bill allows Court of Appeals judges to sit in panels of two for the purposes of hearing appeals and allows a third judge to sit in the event of a tie, allows pro-tem judges to sit on panels of three, limits de novo reviews and allows the Chief Judge to delegate authority under certain circumstances.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. The provisions of this bill will allow the court to more efficiently manage its resources without additional statutory judgeships. Due to the current large caseload, the court will not realize direct General Fund savings, but will be able to handle more cases with the current resources and may be able to delay adding additional statutory judgeships. The court may incur some additional expenses depending upon the number of pro-tem judges engaged to sit on Appeals Court panels.