

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Be Adopted as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules by prior reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to permit serving judge to be employed by State Board of Higher Education, school board, or community college district board for the purpose of teaching. Specifies that such employment does not prevent person from serving as a judge. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for referral to Rules Committee
- Inclusion of community colleges

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds community college district boards to entities that may employ a serving judge.

BACKGROUND: An Oregon State Supreme Court decision issued in 1979 found that a judge who was regularly employed as a part-time teacher by a state-funded school violated the separation of powers section of Article III of the Oregon Constitution. Senate Joint Resolution 48A, if approved at a general election, would allow the State Board of Higher Education, a school board, or a community college district board to employ a judge of any court in Oregon as a teacher.