

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3025

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Measure Description:

Clarifies that district attorney may take control of investigation and prosecution of any misdemeanor committed in county served by district attorney.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

District Attorneys and their Deputies, Judicial Department, Public Defense Services Commission, Counties and cities

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 would allow a District Attorney (DA) to take control of an investigation and prosecution of any misdemeanor committed in the county served by the District Attorney. It would be up to the DA which misdemeanors to take control of the prosecution.

This bill would potentially transfer costs from the Municipal or Justice Courts to the Circuit Court and to the Public Defense Services Commission for public defense costs. The number of cases that DA's may choose to take control of is not known and the fiscal impact to the agencies involved is indeterminate. The total fiscal impact would be in direct proportion to the number of cases the DA's take control of.

Cities and counties would have an indeterminate cost savings.