

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Garrett, Hicks, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/1, 4/13, 4/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits Court to establish procedures to consolidate probation violation proceedings set against one defendant in multiple circuit courts. Requires Court to appoint Chief Judge of Court of Appeals and presiding judge in each judicial district according to terms. Permits Court to designate acting Chief Judge and acting presiding judge while appointment is pending. Modifies prima facie affidavit requirements in dissolution cases involving child support. Modifies renewal of shorthand reporters' certification and allows State Court Administrator to set reasonable fees for testing. Allows Court to establish reasonable fees for remote access to information and other electronic services. Allows Court to call Judicial Conference and removes requirement for reimbursement for participation in same. Requires Court of Appeals to make rules to require participation in mediation program and payment of mediator fee. Permits Court to intercept funds from any state or federal agency to apply toward a debtor's obligation to the Court. Clarifies that any judge pro tempore in circuit court may issue arrest and search warrants if regularly elected or appointed judge is not available to issue warrants within a reasonable time. Requires court in Gresham to accept civil filings. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Concern regarding court closures in original measure, and effect of consolidation
- Consolidation of administrative functions versus services
- Court's need for flexibility to cope with economic situation

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 2691 A comes from the Oregon Judicial Department to streamline and clarify a number of provisions to prepare for electronic access and services anticipated via "eCourt."