

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides that a court may not defer jury service for a person more than once unless the person seeks deferral due to statutorily enumerated circumstances and person could not have anticipated the circumstances at the time the first deferral was granted. Provides that an employer may not require that an employee use vacation leave, sick leave or annual leave in responding for jury duty and must allow employee to take leave without pay for time spent by employee in responding to a summons for jury duty.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Docket congestion caused by lack of a sufficiently broad jury pool
- Similar legislation in other jurisdictions

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Current ORS 10.055 allows a judge or clerk of court to allow a person summoned to serve as a juror to defer jury service for good cause shown. House Bill 3034 A specifies that only one deferral of jury duty will be allowed under this section except upon a finding of good cause. A person requesting an additional deferral under this section must provide a list of no fewer than 10 dates within the six-month period following the date of the second request on which the person will be able to serve as a juror.

Current ORS 10.090 governs the relationship between an employer and an employee who has been summoned to serve as a juror. House Bill 3034 A requires that no employer compel an employee to use vacation leave, sick leave or annual leave in responding to a jury summons and that the employee must be allowed unpaid leave. This provision joins the existing prohibition located within the same section against an employer discharging or threatening to discharge an employee for responding to a jury summons.