

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Garrett, Hicks, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Wand
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Aaron Knott, Counsel
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/28, 5/16, 5/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs forfeiture counsel to file each criminal forfeiture with the Asset Forfeiture Oversight Advisory Committee (AFOAC) electronically in accordance with rules adopted by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Removes the obligation of forfeiture counsel to provide AFOAC with a copy of the forfeiture judgment. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Effect of the amendment
- Push to digitize court operations and the implementation of the E-Court system of filing court documents

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

**BACKGROUND:** Proponents of the bill state that all counties are now capable of accessing this information electronically within the OJIN system, the official website of Register of Actions and judgment records for the State of Oregon Judicial Department, and that a paper filing requirement is therefore duplicative and adds to file storage costs. Senate Bill 373 A eliminates the requirement that a filing be made in paper copy and allows for electronic filing with rules to be determined by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Senate Bill 373 A requires that these filings contain information as to the value of all forfeited items and the circumstances of their forfeiture. The measure also eliminates an existing provision stating that any amount collected in the Asset Forfeiture Oversight Account in excess of 115 percent of the biennial expenditure limitation established for expenditures from the account shall be refunded to the public bodies which paid into the account.