

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 10 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Garrett, Hicks, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/3, 5/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows tax court magistrates to hold other for-profit positions under certain conditions. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Outside employment permitted so long as no conflict or interference with performance of duties
- No affect on current restrictions in Oregon’s Constitution, Code of Judicial Conduct, Government Ethics Commission, or the Judicial Department’s human resource policies
- Difficulty recruiting and retaining part-time magistrates

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 391 comes from the Oregon Judicial Department. Magistrates are currently prohibited from any other employment for pay, which negatively impacts recruitment and retention.