

**TESTIMONY ON SB 50
BEFORE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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The Oregon Judicial Department has requested SB 50 to address a jurisdictional issue that can arise when a case is appealed from the trial court to the Court of Appeals. On occasion, a party will file a notice of appeal before the trial court judgment or appealable order has been entered into the register. The bill amends ORS 19.270 to specifically state that the trial court retains jurisdiction to enter a judgment or appealable order in the register after the notice of appeal is filed if the judge signed the judgment or appealable order before the notice of appeal was filed.

This change will provide a more efficient way to process and proceed with appeals by reducing motion practice over technical timing issues, vacated judgments, and preparation of new judgments. The benefit is a reduction in cost and workload for parties, attorneys, and the courts.

SB 50 passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and on the Senate floor by unanimous vote.