

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Garrett
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Meeting Dates:	3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes “Oregon Courthouse Capital Construction and Improvement Fund” through general obligation bonds issued by the State Treasurer. Creates matching county grant program for 50 percent of estimated total costs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 2008 report on backlog of courthouse facilities needs
- Union County Courthouse
- Prioritization of need and opportunity for smaller counties to receive funding
- Source of money that will pay for bond
- Multnomah County Courthouse needs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Article XI- Q bonding is in the Oregon Constitution and allows for bonding for real or personal property owned or operated by the state. Oregon County Courthouses are in serious need of repair. County governments have the responsibility for repairing county courthouses but county governments have found they have insufficient funds to maintain courthouses. House Bill 3126 establishes a statewide bond for funding.