

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires use of certified shorthand reporter or other accurate method for creating a transcript in aggravated murder proceedings. Requires State Court Administrator to pay the costs of providing service and authorizes State Court Administrator to establish policies and procedures. Adds voicewriter to the definition of certified shorthand reporter.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Voice writing reporters
- Transcript problems in Guzek case
- Importance of a live person

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Aggravated murder is defined in ORS 163.095 is murder accompanied by another circumstance like receiving money to commit murder, one or more murder victims in the same episode or murdering someone under 14 years old or a police officer or other public officer. The punishment for aggravated murder is the death penalty or life imprisonment. Senate Bill 635 requires that a certified shorthand reporter be used for making an official record of the proceedings.