77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Judiciary

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Barton, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Williamson, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Cameron, Tomei
Prepared By:	Anna Braun, Counsel
Meeting Dates:	3/27, 4/12

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes requirement that oral statements supporting search warrants be transcribed. Requires oral statements be recorded and a copy provided to and retained by the judge who took the oral statement. Requires District Attorney to retain copy. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Warrants generally requested by telephone
- Transcription currently performed by police officer or hired out

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires oral statements be recorded and a copy provided to and retained by the judge who took the oral statement. Requires District Attorney to retain copy.

BACKGROUND: ORS 133.545 provides the rules governing issuing search warrants. Search warrants can only be issued by a judge and generally must be supported by a written affidavit by the district attorney, police officer, or special agent employed under ORS 131.805. A judge can take an oral statement but it must be recorded and transcribed. House Bill 3286 A removes the requirement that the oral statement be transcribed.