

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Baertschiger, George, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Monnes Anderson, Prozanski
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Meeting Dates:	4/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes requirement that annual audits of counties include circuit courts. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Shift of county administration of circuit courts to state administration in 1981
- Lack of connection between county and circuit court processes and budgets
- Current practice of Multnomah county does not include audit of circuit court

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's Municipal Audit Law requires an annual auditing of every municipal corporation in Oregon, which includes cities, counties, special districts, school districts, and public corporations. Since the establishment of the Municipal Audit Law in 1977, circuit courts have been included with justice courts in the requirement for yearly audits of counties. Circuit courts, however, were placed under the control of the Oregon Judicial Department in 1981. Circuit courts are audited by the Secretary of State through the Judicial Department. Proponents assert that House Bill 2609 conforms auditing requirements with current practices.

House Bill 2609 clarifies that circuit courts are not included in the yearly audits of counties required by the Municipal Audit Law.