

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 2 - 0
Yeas: Barton, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays: Cameron, Hicks
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the State Court Administrator to establish reasonable fees for certification of shorthand reporters. Defines Certified Shorthand reporter as person who has been certified in stenographic reporting or voicewriting. Defines voicewriting reporting. Deletes the requirement for biennial renewal of certificates and authorizes State Court Administrator to issue regular renewals of certificates. Changes Certified Shorthand Reporters Advisory Committee so that four of seven members are stenographic or voicewriter reporters with five years' experience. Deletes the speed requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interim work group proposed
- History of program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Certified Shorthand Reporter program has been in existence since 1990 and is regulated under the Oregon Judicial Department. The program verifies and certifies that shorthand reporters meet certain standards. Funding for the program is through registration and renewal fees. Senate Bill 90 A provides statutory flexibility for the State Court Administrator on fees and certification. It also allows voicewriter reporters to receive certification and changes the makeup of the Certified Shorthand Reports Advisory Committee. This bill was proposed by the Oregon Court Reporters Association. Many of the changes proposed by Senate Bill 90 A were in Senate Bill 51 A that was signed into law on May 16, 2013. Those changes were proposed by the Oregon Judicial Department and added flexibility in administering the program.