

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3017

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to conduct study on mental health courts and present report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary on or before September 15, 2016.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Criminal Justice Commission – General Fund	\$125,000	---

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure directs the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to conduct a study on mental health courts currently operating in Oregon and present a report on the results of the study with any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Assembly on or before September 16, 2015. Currently there are 13 mental health courts operating in Oregon.

CJC notes that in order to meet the September 2015 deadline, the most cost-effective and time sensitive method would be for the CJC to contract with a research organization to conduct the study. The measure does not stipulate the type of study that must be done, and given the time constraint, CJC assumes a quasi-experimental design would be conducted.

CJC estimates the cost of the study to be \$125,000 General Fund based on contract amounts from past research projects. CJC would also allocate existing staff to assist with administering the contract, providing appropriate data to the research organization, and assisting with the final report.