

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/31/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 03/31

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sprenger, Williamson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to study efficacy of mental health courts within state. Establishes timeline to complete study.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of scientific studies that are available and the different costs of each.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Courts throughout Oregon have developed specific court programs that target specific populations or specific behavior. Examples include drug courts, DUII courts, repeat property offender courts, community courts, veteran's courts, and mental health courts. Typically, these courts provide specialized treatment and services tailored to the underlying criminal behavior.

HB 3017 requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to study efficacy of mental health courts within this state. The Commission must prepare a report for the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to judiciary by September 15, 2016.