

HB 2636 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases current annual salary for Oregon judges. Establishes salary rate increases through January 1, 2020.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

According to the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), as of July 1, 2016, Oregon was ranked 47th lowest nationally for highest court judge pay, 36th lowest nationally for Intermediate Appellate Court judge pay, and 48th lowest nationally for General Jurisdiction Court judge pay. The NCSC ranked judge salaries for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. However, only 40 states have Intermediate Appellate Courts.

House Bill 2636 increases the current annual salaries for the Oregon Supreme Court, Oregon Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court, and circuit court judges. It also establishes rate increases of those salaries through January 1, 2020.