

HB 2605 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases circuit court judge positions in eight judicial districts.

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:

Oregon law establishes the number of circuit court judicial positions for each of Oregon's 27 judicial districts. Circuit court judicial positions were last increased in 2005. At that time, the first, fifth, sixth, and eighteenth judicial districts were increased by one judge position each.

House Bill 2605 adds one additional judge position to the first, third, fourth, fifth, eleventh, fourteenth, and sixteenth judicial districts. It adds two additional judge positions to the twentieth judicial district. HB 2605 provides for nomination and election of new judges in 2017 and 2018. The new judges would assume office on the first Monday in January 2019.