HB 2605 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/28/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 10 - Gomberg, Holvey, Huffman, Nathanson, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant, Williamson

Exc: 1 - McLane

Senate Vote

Yeas: 12 - DeBoer, Devlin, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

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Judicial Department 2017-19

Carrier: Rep. Stark

Budget Summary	2015-17 Legislatively Approved Budget		2017-19 Current Service Level		2017-19 Committee Recommendation		Committee Change from 2015-17 Leg. Approved			
							\$ Change		% Change	
General Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	617,468	\$	617,468	100.0%	
Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$	617,468	\$	617,468	100.0%	
Position Summary										
Authorized Positions		0		0		8		8		
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions		0.00		0.00		2.48		2.48		

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2605 appropriates \$617,468 General Fund to the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). The funding supports two additional circuit court judges, one in Washington County and one in Josephine County, for a total of 0.50 full-time equivalent (FTE). Also funded are six (1.98 FTE) support staff and the Services and Supplies costs associated with adding the two circuit court judges.

Summary of Public Safety Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2605 adds two judicial circuit court judges, one each to Washington and Josephine County, six support staff and the Services and Supplies costs associated with the two circuit court judge positions. The Chief Justice has identified both Washington and Josephine counties as having the highest need for additional judges and the applicable support staff, based on workloads and the availability of sufficient courthouse space to accommodate the new positions. The new judicial positions become effective in January 2019.

Judicial Compensation

The Subcommittee approved a \$199,662 General Fund appropriation and the establishment of two permanent (0.50 FTE) circuit court judges, one each in Washington and Josephine counties. The Chief Justice identifies these two judicial districts in the state having the highest need for additional judges based on workload and on having sufficient courthouse space to accommodate the new positions. The new judges would assume the duties of the office on January 7, 2019.

Trial Courts

The Subcommittee approved a \$417,806 General Fund appropriation and the establishment of six support staff (1.98 FTE) associated with adding two circuit court judges, one each in Washington and Josephine counties, and the associated Services and Supplies costs. The positions established for support staff begin on November 1, 2018.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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					OTHER FUNDS			FEDERAL FUNDS			TOTAL		
DESCRIPTION	•	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS		LIMITED	NONLIMITE)	LIMITED	NONLIMITED		ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
SUBCOMMITTEE Recommendation SCR 010 - Judicial Compensation Personal Services	\$	199,662	\$	- \$		- \$	- \$		- \$	- \$	199,662	2	0.50
SCR 100 - Trial Personal Services Services and Supplies	\$ \$	248,106 169,700	•	- \$ - \$		- \$ - \$	- \$ - \$		- \$ - \$	- \$ - \$	248,106 169,700	6	1.98
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	Ś	617.468	Ś	- Ś		- Ś	- Ś		- Ś	- Ś	617.468	8	2.48