

**HB 2239 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases the number of judges in twelve of the twenty seven judicial districts in Oregon. Appropriates money from the General Fund for judicial positions. Specifies that new judges may be nominated and elected for positions beginning January, 2021. Takes effect 91 days sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon courts of general jurisdiction are the circuit courts. The circuit courts are organized into 27 judicial districts with 173 judges serving in those districts.

House Bill 2239 increases the number of judges in twelve of the twenty seven judicial districts, bringing the total number of judges to 187.