

**HB 3360 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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

**Meeting Dates:** 4/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows issuance of courthouse improvement bonds for remodeling, renovating, or expanding court facilities upon determination by the Chief Justice that remodeling, renovation, or expansion is necessary or desirable. Defines courthouse improvement bond.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Courthouse Capitol Construction and Improvement Fund was established in 2013 to provide bond funding for courthouses that have significant structural defects that present actual or potential threats to human health and safety. The State Treasurer may issue up to \$15 million in Article XI-Q bonds for these projects, subject to approval by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. Agreements between counties and the state for courthouse projects may require counties to contribute at least 50 percent of the total estimated cost of the project. Counties may transfer money from property taxes, bond proceedings, or any other county moneys. These funds may only be used for courthouses with significant structural defects, replacement of courthouses when new construction is more cost-effective than repairing the courthouse, or if the courthouse is to co-located with other state offices.

House Bill 3360 allows the use of such funds for remodeling, renovation, or expansion of court house facilities if the Chief Justice determines that issuing bonds for such repairs is necessary or desirable.