

SB 977 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/08/19

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

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Fagan, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals "form of justice's undertaking" and "qualifications of sureties" for justices of the peace.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Repeal of related statutes over 20 years ago
- Current statutes on justices of the peace
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

A Justice of the Peace is an elected county official who presides over a justice court. Justice courts may hear cases involving violations, small claims, and evictions. Justice courts are found in Baker, Clackamas, Columbia, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, and Hood River counties.

Senate Bill 977 A provides a clean-up to justice of the peace statutes by repealing statutes referencing the "form of justice's undertaking" and "qualification of sureties."