SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5013 Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Hansell

HB 5013 is the budget bill for the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability. The Commission investigates and acts upon complaints of judicial misconduct or disability, based on the Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct. The Commission's jurisdiction extends to circuit and appellate court judges, pro-tem judges and judicial referees, and to justices of the peace.

The Commission's budget is supported by General Fund. The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$306,164 General Fund and one half-time position. Funding is included for extraordinary expenses related to the investigation and prosecution of complaints. The Commission may need to request supplemental funding, if extraordinary expenses exceed the budget amount of \$20,073.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5013 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.