

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Judicial Department Family Treatment Courts Report

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Evans

On February 9, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Oregon Judicial Department, Public Defense Services Commission, Department of Justice, Department of Human Services, Criminal Justice Commission, and the Housing and Community Services Department on family treatment courts and deferring consideration of a budget request until later in the 2022 legislative session.

The genesis of the report was the Legislature's desire to see coordinated investments in family treatment court-related activities.

The report provides for a three-part strategic approach that would: establish a statewide governance committee; invest in existing family treatment courts to meet model standards; and expand family treatment courts into five judicial districts or six counties. The counties would be Clatsop, Umatilla/Morrow, Lane, Josephine, and Clackamas. The report establishes statewide objectives and standards as well as the criteria for the establishment of model family treatment courts.

The report recommends three categories on investments: statewide coordination; investment in current family treatment courts; and establish family treatment courts in the five judicial districts. The combined total cost for the 2021-23 biennium is estimated to be \$9.4 million General Fund with the 2023-25 cost estimated to be \$18.8 million General Fund. Additional funding would be required for an expansion of family treatment courts beyond the aforementioned counties.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.