

# TASK FORCE ON SPECIALTY COURTS

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## RECOMMENDATION PROPOSAL

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<b>Name(s) of submitter(s)</b>
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<b>Proposal number and draft number (as applicable):</b>
1.
<b>What problem are you trying to solve?</b>
Oversight and Accountability
<b>Title of proposal (25 words or less):</b>
Specialty Court Third Party Evaluation. Provide funding and require all specialty court programs receive a third-party process evaluation to ensure adherence to the National and Oregon Specialty Court Standards.
<b>Task Force Study Topic (eligibility, accountability, administration, funding):</b>
accountability



**Detailed description of proposal (50 words or more):**

National Specialty Court Standards require third-party evaluations as a best practice. Adherence to the 10 Key Components produce consistent and improved outcomes. The Task Force is recommending a one time funding request that will create a baseline standard and expectation of all specialty courts in Oregon. This will inform the legislature and professionals of the strengths and areas needed for improvement. It will also serve as a guide for future budget builds and program budget requests.

**Enforcement:**

*How will the legislature make sure the policy is followed, if applicable?*

Assign the mandate to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to take lead on any State required RFP procedures, and to maintain the results from the assessments to be used in conjunction with future Specialty Court decisions. They are to perform these tasks in partnership with the Oregon Judicial Department.

**Reporting mechanisms:**

*What information will be collected so the legislature knows if the policy is working as intended?*

Data will inform of compliance to the standards and resources needed to provide services

**Agency responsible for implementation:**

CJC/OJD

