# TASK FORCE ON SPECIALTY COURTS

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# RECOMMENDATION PROPOSAL

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Name(s) of submitter(s)

# Hon. Ann Marie Simmons

Proposal number and draft number (as applicable):

1.1

# What problem are you trying to solve?

Making well-studied, thoughtful, statewide recommendations regarding the day-to-day operations of treatment courts in Oregon: to include ongoing study and recommendations regarding establishment of new treatment courts; stable funding mechanisms; administrative and operational functioning of established treatment courts; and establishing appropriate accountability mechanisms and methods.

Title of proposal (25 words or less):

Creation of a multi-disciplinary Specialty Court Advisory Committee which reports to the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court.

Task Force Study Topic (eligibility, accountability, administration, funding):

All

Detailed description of proposal (50 words or more):

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The purpose of an Advisory Committee is to allow OJD and community partners to regularly study and provide ongoing and timely information and recommendations to the Chief Justice, to include policy and legislative proposals and regular reporting regarding the state of treatment courts in Oregon. A multi-disciplinary team would best be able to receive and provide input from all community partners, while reporting to the Chief Justice. The judiciary is ultimately responsible for the implementation and oversight of all court activities within the state, including treatment courts.

# **Enforcement:**

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

The Advisory Committee should create a yearly report to the Chief Justice which should be share with the legislature.

## **Reporting mechanisms:**

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

Data that we have already discussed – populations, graduation rates, recidivism (this is not a comprehensive list) as well as needs and/or concerns.

## Agency responsible for implementation:

OJD

