

**SB 233 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases base annual salaries for judges serving in circuit courts, the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court, and Tax Court.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

As of July 2021, the salary of Oregon judges ranked 50th out of the 50 States and Washington D.C. when cost of living was factored in. Salaries for Oregon judges are also approximately 5% to 10% below the mean and median salaries of all States and U.S. Territories, when cost of living is not considered.

Senate Bill 233 increases the salaries of judges in Oregon’s circuit courts, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, and Tax Court, and allows for continued cost of living adjustments when such adjustments are provided to management service employees in the executive branch.