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To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 29, 2024,

Subject: SB 1541 – Relating to judicial positions
Work Session Recommendations

The measure increases the number of statutory circuit court judgeships by three in the following three judicial districts, which increases the statewide number of circuit court judgeships from 179 to 182 positions.

- First Judicial District (Jackson County) - increases the number of judgeships from ten to eleven (1); effective July 1, 2024.
- Twentieth Judicial District (Washington County) - increases the number of judgeships from fifteen to sixteen (1); effective July 1, 2024.
- Fifth Judicial District (Clackamas County) - increases the number of judgeships from eleven to twelve (1); effective July 1, 2025 (or the 2025-27 biennium).

Fiscal, revenue, and open government impact statements are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System. There also is a budget amendment on OLIS that funds the Judicial Department's costs of the measure for the 2023-25 biennium at \$1.9 million General Fund. Funding in the amendment includes four court support staff for each of the three judgeship. The estimated cost of the measure for the 2025-27 biennium totals \$4.7 million General Fund and 15 positions (15.00 FTE). A budget report will be prepared for the measure.

The measure takes effect on July 1, 2024.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the –1 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –1 amendment to SB 1541. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 1541, as amended by the –1 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 1541, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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