

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1541 Relating to Judicial Positions

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

SB 1541 increases the number of statutory circuit court judgeships by three in the following three judicial districts:

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

These changes increase the statewide number of circuit court judgeships from 179 to 182 positions. The 2023-25 cost of the measure is \$1.9 million General Fund and 14 positions. The 2025-27 cost of the measure is estimated to be \$4.7 million General Fund and 15 positions. Funding includes four court support staff for each of the three judgeships.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 1541 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.