

House Bill 2759

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes an office in OJD to do audits in circuit courts and report bad behavior. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Establishes the Office of Quality Assurance as an independent office within the Judicial Department. Directs the office to conduct audits of noncriminal proceedings in the circuit courts and report incidents of judicial bias or egregious behavior to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to quality assurance in the Judicial Department.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Office of Quality Assurance is established as an independent office**
5 **within the Judicial Department.**

6 **(2) The office shall adopt rules for:**

7 **(a) Implementing a statewide randomized audit schedule for the circuit courts that in-**
8 **cludes at least five unannounced audits of noncriminal proceedings in each circuit court each**
9 **year.**

10 **(b) Reporting to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on the quality of court pro-**
11 **ceedings for noncriminal proceedings in the circuit courts.**

12 **(c) Reporting instances of judicial bias or egregious behavior observed during an audit**
13 **to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Dis-**
14 **ability within 10 business days after the incident occurred.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.