

HB 4043 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows the State Treasurer to issue Article XI-Q bonds for certain courthouse construction projects if they meet statutory requirements, including determinations by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and approval by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Oregon can issue bonds under Article XI-Q of the [Oregon Constitution](#) for real or personal property owned or operated by the state. ORS 1.181 describes under what circumstances such bonds may be issued for courthouse projects. ORS 1.184 establishes the Oregon Courthouse Capital Construction and Improvement Fund in the Oregon State Treasury and appropriates moneys therein for specific purposes, including those in ORS 1.181. ORS 1.183 places requirements on the funding structure for courthouse construction. Counties are required to provide suitable and sufficient courtrooms, offices, and jury rooms, and to maintain those facilities, under ORS 1.185.