

HB 4043 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure contains two distinct provisions; one expands bonding of courthouse projects and the other modifies reporting requirements of a community restoration service provider to the court. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2027.

Under the measure, projects for circuit courthouse renovations, additions, and deferred maintenance would become eligible for state matching funds under the Oregon Courthouse Capital Construction and Improvement Fund, if local matching funds are available. The fiscal impact related to this provision of the measure is indeterminate and dependent on the number of projects and the amount of matching funds required for each project.

Separately, the measure specifies that either a community mental health program director or, by the delegation of the program director, the entity providing community restoration services to the defendant must file notice to the court within two judicial days of a defendant's non-compliance or resumed compliance with community restoration requirements. There is no fiscal impact related to this provision of the measure.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, due to the state of some county courthouses, the Legislature established the Oregon Courthouse Capital Construction and Improvement Fund (OCCCIF) to assist counties in replacing or updating unsafe county-owned courthouse facilities housing the state's circuit courts. Under current practice, new state-supported courthouses continue to be owned by counties but are operated by the State under no-cost lease agreements. State funds may pay up to one-half of allowable project costs if the facility provides space to other state agencies (i.e., "co-located"); otherwise, state funding cannot exceed one-quarter of allowable project costs. Allowable project costs generally are limited to costs for court space, co-located state agency space, and shared areas or services that directly support the court. However, under current law, eligible projects only pertain to the replacement of unsafe county-owned courthouse facilities and does not include renovations, additions, or deferred maintenance. Under this measure, projects for circuit courthouse renovations, additions, and deferred maintenance would become eligible for the OCCCIF, if local matching funds are available.