

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4026 A

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Measure Description:

Increases number of Court of Appeals judges from 10 to 13.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Judicial Department

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Judiciary to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill increases the number of judges of the Court of Appeals from 10 to 13. The measure has an operative date of October 1, 2013 for three new Court of Appeal judgeships and a October 1, 2015 operative date for an additional three new Court of Appeal Judgeships. The annual salary of each Court of Appeals judgeship is set in statute and is \$122,820. The cost of benefits is approximately \$38,320 for a total annual cost of \$161,140 per judgeship.

The measure does not have a fiscal impact for the 2011-13 biennium, however, the Oregon Judicial Department states that the cost of this measure for the 2013-15 biennium is \$2.9 million (13 positions/11.73 FTE) and that the fiscal impact for the 2015-17 biennium is over \$6.2 million.

The 2010 case filings (3,089) for the Court of Appeals are at a nine-year low. The agency anticipates having a fiscal impact associated with this bill, the amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Further Analysis Required