

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:**

**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/10

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires court to appoint court reporter for trial proceedings in aggravated murder cases. Authorizes State Court Administrator to establish policies for use of court reporters in aggravated murder cases.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Proposed -1 Amendment modifies language regarding “court reporters” to be consistent with ORS 8.415 to 8.455.

**BACKGROUND:** Most trial courts in Oregon do not use court reporters. The record of the proceedings is typically kept by an audio recording system. ORS 8.340 permits courts to use court reporters, either upon its own motion or a motion of one of the litigants.

Senate Bill 384 modifies ORS 8.340 to require the court to appoint court reporters in aggravated murder cases. It also assigns the cost of the court reporter to the State Court Administrator.