

**TESTIMONY ON SB 278  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
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Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tim Lewis and I am a Senior Assistant General Counsel at the Oregon Judicial Department. I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of OJD. The purpose of this testimony is to clarify how we intend to implement a portion of SB 278 if the -2 amendments are adopted.

Section 6(2) directs OJD to prepare a summary of sections 2 and 3 of the bill and deliver a copy of the summary to each circuit and justice court in the state for posting at the clerk's counter. While OJD does not have administrative authority over the justice courts, we plan on sending the summary we create to all justice courts listed on the justice court registry established under ORS 1.855. Under that statute, justice courts are required to send the State Court Administrator certain information about the court including the boundaries of the justice court district, the name and term of the justice of the peace, and the mailing address for the court.

In addition, we will provide the summary to the Association of Oregon Counties and the Oregon Justices of the Peace Association.

For justice courts who need to create or update their registration, we have a form on our website located here: <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/pages/other-courts.aspx>.

I am available to answer any questions.