

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5513

Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

SB 5513 is the budget bill for Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability. The Commission investigates and acts upon complaints of judicial misconduct or disability, based on the Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct. The Commission's jurisdiction extends to circuit and appellate court judges, pro-tem judges and judicial referees, and to justices of the peace.

The Commission's budget is supported by General Fund. The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$333,096 General Fund and one half-time position. Funding is included for extraordinary expenses related to the investigation and prosecution of complaints.

The budget includes a \$20,000 General Fund investment for a Case Management System for the tracking, reporting, and storage of complaints, investigations, prosecutions.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 5513 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.