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**Bill Title:** Relating to civil matters.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Judicial Department, Department of Justice, Special Districts Association of Oregon, Counties, Cities

**Measure Description**

The measure allows county courts of Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Sherman, and Wheeler counties to approve a transfer of the probate jurisdiction to the circuit courts. The measure requires specified county courts to provide the presiding judge of the circuit court at least a 90-day notice before the effective date of the transfer. These provisions become operative July 1, 2024.

**Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate.

Oregon Judicial Department

The fiscal impact on the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) is indeterminate at this time. OJD reports that the agency cannot anticipate how many of the specified counties will transfer jurisdiction to the circuit courts. Additionally, OJD cannot anticipate how many pending and future cases may be transferred to circuit courts in counties that do elect to transfer. The agency reports that some of the specified circuit courts may be able to absorb the impact of the transfer; however, OJD may need to request additional resources depending on the actual number of county courts that transfer caseloads, and the number of pending and future cases.

Counties

The fiscal impact on counties is indeterminate at this time.

Other Agencies

Other impacted agencies report no fiscal impact.

**Relevant Dates**

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.