

SB 168 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure makes several changes to estate laws, including that either one of two currently joint criteria can establish parentage for intestate succession purposes, that a trust created by the decedent is not included in the small estate value limit, that an electronic record or image does not satisfy criteria for exceptions to will formalities, and that requests for admissions can be used in contested probate proceedings.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The [Estate Planning and Administration Section](#) of the Oregon State Bar is a non-exclusive group of attorneys who practice this area of law, and who recommend changes in laws relating to estates, among other activities. An estate is the combination of assets and liabilities left by a deceased person. Intestate succession sets an order of priority among a deceased person's relations for the assets left by a person who died without a will. Simple estates are estates that have value under a specified threshold. A probate is a type of court proceeding opened for the purpose of administering an estate.