

SB 710 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Judicial Department to study options for domestic and sexual violence training programs for judges and submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than September 15, 2026. Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 The amendment replaces the measure. It directs the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court to establish minimum continuing education requirements for judges of the county circuit courts, tax court, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. It further provides that the continuing education requirements established by the measure must include evidence-based and trauma-informed education related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and other matters related to interpersonal violence. Finally, the amendment directs the State Court Administrator to submit a report, no later than September 15, 2027, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary regarding compliance with the requirements established by the Chief Justice pursuant to the measure.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 8.125 charges the State Court Administrator shall, to the extent directed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to establish and supervise education programs for judges, other officers and employees of the courts of this state and municipal courts pertinent to the performance of the functions of those judges, other officers and employees.

Senate Bill 710 would require the Judicial Department to study options for domestic and sexual violence training programs for judges.