

SB 95 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds six circuit court judges to five judicial districts in Oregon. Adds one judge in Clackamas County and one judge for Crook and Jefferson County effective October 2025. Adds one judge for Umatilla and Morrow County, one judge in Douglas County, one judge in Clackamas County, and two judges in Lane County effective January 2026. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

Revenue: Revenue lite

Fiscal: Impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The need for additional judgeships in Lane County

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2024 the legislature passed Senate Bill 1541 to expand judicial capacity in response to Oregon's circuit courts growing caseload. The measure added judgeships in Jackson, Washington, and Clackamas counties. Senate Bill 95 would continue those legislative efforts by adding six new circuit court judge positions across five judicial districts in a phased approach to address increasing caseloads.