

**HB 3369 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure extends the permitted use of Article XI-Q bonds from replacing a courthouse to include the expansion of a courthouse by remodeling or repairing the courthouse in an existing building.

Detailed Summary

- Requires projects be approved by the Chief Justice and the Department of Administrative Services.
- Allows for structural, seismic and safety improvements and courthouse expansion.
- Allows a credit to the county equal to the higher appraised value or the actual purchase price of any space in existing buildings being converted to a courthouse and state office use if the state approves the conversion.
- Allows a credit for anticipated costs of relocating county offices to vacate space being converted to a courthouse and state office use.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

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- Adds renovation to the list of allowable uses for bond funds.
- Allows a credit for actual costs of relocating county offices to vacate space being converted to a courthouse and state office use.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to Oregon Revised Statutes 1.185, counties are required to provide suitable and sufficient courtrooms, offices, and jury rooms as well as maintenance and utilities for these facilities. House Bill 3525 (2011) created the Courthouse Capitol Improvement Trust Fund, with ten percent of punitive damage awards deposited into the fund. Working in conjunction with the Trust Fund, the Article XI-Q bond program allows for courthouse replacement projects or remodels of buildings that are not existing courthouses; and requires a 50 percent match in funds by the participating county.