

SB 913 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure eliminates geographic limitations on justice court districts by allowing a county to establish a justice of the peace district that includes the county seat or a city in which a circuit court operates.

FISCAL: Indeterminate, fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: Revenue impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Outdated districting system
- Need for additional courts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 51.020 allows a county court or board of county commissioners to establish or modify the boundaries of a justice of the peace district subject to a limit of six such justice courts within a given county. Subject to exceptions for specified rural counties, Oregon law currently prohibits a county from establishing a justice court district that includes the county seat or a city in which an Oregon circuit court regularly holds court.