SB 178 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure provides that a district attorney may require the payment of a fee reasonably calculated to reimburse costs before providing discovery to a defendant.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to conduct a study on the establishment of a statewide uniform fee schedule for discovery costs charged by district attorney offices and submit recommendations to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to judiciary no later than September 15, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 135.815 requires the district attorney to disclose to a represented defendant specified material and information within the possession or control of the district attorney. The statute further requires that the disclosure happen without delay and prior to the entry of any guilty plea pursuant to an agreement with the state.