

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5013

Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Brock Smith

HB 5013 is the budget bill for the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability.

The Commission investigates and acts upon complaints of judicial misconduct or disability, based on the Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct. The Commission's jurisdiction extends to 452 circuit, appellate, and tax court judges, pro-tem judges, senior or "Plan B" semi-retired judges, and judicial referees, and to justices of the peace.

The Commission's budget is supported by General Fund. The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$642,144 General Fund and one position and one FTE. The budget increases the Executive Director position from permanent part-time to permanent full-time at an incremental cost of \$248,505 General Fund.

Funding in the amount of \$23,342 is included for extraordinary expenses related to the investigation and prosecution of complaints.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5013 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.