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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee
From: John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 10, 2025
Subject: SB 95 - Relating to judicial positions
Work Session Recommendations

The measure increases the number of statutory circuit court judgeships by four in the following three judicial districts, which increases the statewide number of circuit court judgeships from 182 to 187 positions.

- Second Judicial District (Lane County) - increases the number of judgeships from 15 to 17 (2); effective January 1, 2026.
- Fifth Judicial District (Clackamas County) - increases the number of judgeships from 12 to 13 (1); effective January 1, 2026. Note: by prior legislative action, an additional judgeship was established for the Fifth Judicial District effective July 1, 2025 [Chapter 57, 2024 Laws (SB 1541)].
- Sixteenth Judicial District (Douglas County) - increases the number of judgeships from five to six (1); effective January 1, 2026.

Fiscal, revenue, and open government impact statements are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System. There is also a budget amendment on OLIS that funds the Judicial Department's costs of the measure for the 2025-27 biennium at \$5.4 million General Fund and 20 positions (17.00 FTE). The estimated cost of the measure for the 2027-29 biennium totals \$6.5 million General Fund and 20 positions (20.00 FTE). The measure also includes a \$166,256 General Fund appropriation related to an increase in judicial compensation if HB 2712 (2025) becomes law. A budget report will be prepared for the measure. Lane, Clackamas, and Douglas counties will be responsible to provide suitable and sufficient court facility space for each judgeship and court staff.

The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage; however, the Governor and the Judicial Department may act prior to the operate date establishing the four judgeships.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –2 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –2 amendment to SB 95. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 95, as amended by the –2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 95, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: