

**SB 95 BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Judicial Department**

**2025-27**

### **Budget Summary\***

	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,597,676	\$ 5,597,676	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,597,676	\$ 5,597,676	100.0%

### **Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	20	20
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	17.00	17.00

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through January 2025

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

### **Summary of Revenue Changes**

Judicial districts and the number of circuit court judges for each judicial district are established under ORS 3.012. Senate Bill 95 amends ORS 3.012 and establishes four new circuit court judge positions in the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). For the 2025-27 biennium, the bill appropriates \$5.6 million General Fund for these four positions and associated staff and expenses.

### **Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action**

Senate Bill 95 increases the number of statutory circuit court judgeships by one each in Clackamas County and Douglas County, and by two in Lane County. Statewide, the total number of statutory circuit court judgeships under the measure would increase from 182 to 187 positions. The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage, with an operative date for the four new judges of January 1, 2026. In total, this measure includes 20 positions (17.00 FTE) for the 2025-27 biennium. The total change is reflected below:

- 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 (Senate Bill 1541)].
- Sixteenth Judicial District (Douglas County) - increases the number of judgeships from five to six (1); effective January 1, 2026.

### Judicial Compensation

The Subcommittee recommended a \$1.8 million General Fund appropriation and the establishment of four permanent, full-time (3.00 FTE) circuit court judges in the 2025-27 biennium. Judicial salaries are set in statute and were calculated under current law for this measure. The measure, however, also includes a \$166,256 General Fund appropriation related to an increase in judicial compensation if House Bill 2712 (2025) becomes law.

### Trial Courts

The Subcommittee recommended a General Fund appropriation of \$3.6 million and the establishment of 16 permanent, full-time support staff positions (14.00 FTE) with associated services and supplies costs totaling \$446,800. Each new judgeship will be assigned four staff. In total, support staff include four Courtroom Clerks (3.50 FTE), eight Court Operations Specialists (7.00 FTE), and four Analyst 2 positions (3.50 FTE). These positions begin on October 1, 2025, in advance of the judicial appointments.

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.

## DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Oregon Judicial Department  
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
<b>SCR 010 - Judicial Compensation</b>									
Personal Services	\$2,001,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,001,701	4	3.00
<b>SCR 100 - Trial Courts</b>									
Personal Services	\$ 3,149,175	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	3,149,175	16	14.00
Services and Supplies	\$ 446,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	446,800		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 5,597,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5,597,676	20	17.00
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 5,597,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5,597,676	20	17.00

\*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures