

SB 96 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/03/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 6-0-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Broadman, Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, McLane, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 3/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure increases the base salaries of state court judges in the Oregon Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, and circuit courts effective on July 1, 2025. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Detailed Summary:

Increases the base statutory salary amounts of state court judges as follows:

- Increases the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from \$159,040 to \$259,500.
- Increases the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals from \$155,980 to \$254,484.
- Increases the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from \$162,076 to \$264,432.
- Increases the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court from \$159,040 to \$259,500.
- Increases the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court from \$147,136 to \$240,048.
- Increases the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court from \$151,048 to \$246,492.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Specifies the annual salaries of each judicial position effective on July 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 292.406, 292.411, 292.416, and 292.426 set judicial salaries for judgeships in the Oregon Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, and circuit courts. The last statutory salary increases for state court judges took effect in 2019, with subsequent cost-of-living adjustments. Senate Bill 96 amends ORS 292.406, 292.411, 292.416, and 292.426 to provide an increase in base salary for state court judges beginning July 1, 2025.