

## HB 3180 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Judiciary

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**Action Date:** 03/24/25

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 8-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Andersen, Chaichi, Chotzen, Kropf, Lewis, Mannix, Tran, Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/18, 3/24

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure appropriates \$1,250,000 to the Judicial Department for the Washington County Courthouse Replacement Planning Project. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Insufficient accommodations for public to attend court proceedings
- Inadequate facilities to support additional judges needed for increasing caseloads and population growth
- Public safety risks in the event of natural disasters like earthquakes

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Washington County Courthouse was built between 1928 and 1930 and underwent significant renovations and an addition in 1972. Since then, the courthouse has not received major updates. House Bill 3180 addresses these issues by allocating \$1.25 million in state funds to the Oregon Judicial Department for the Washington County Court house Replacement Planning Project.