

**SB 1123 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Mannix

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 04/30/25

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

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

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

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/23, 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

This measure renders an appointed court visitor immune from liability for good faith conduct within the scope of their role as a court visitor.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Shortage of court visitors and chilling effect of potential liability
- Insurance coverage
- Low compensation
- Court visitors' role
- Immunity received by protected person special advocates

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

"Oregon State Law requires the court to appoint a 'visitor' when a petition is filed in a protective proceeding that seeks the appointment of a guardian. See ORS 125.150. The role of the visitor is to interview persons who are familiar with the circumstances of the alleged incapacitated person for whom the appointment of a guardian has been requested, including interviewing the alleged incapacitated person, and provid[ing] a report to the court which includes factual findings and a recommendation regarding the appropriateness of the requested guardianship."

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