

This Legislative Summary Report highlights Courts policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the 2023 regular legislative session. The report is organized by sub-topics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

### Courts

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| SB 234    | ✓ | Permits the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court and the Oregon State Bar to make rules regarding the collection, use, and confidentiality of demographic information they may obtain from parties and other persons.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SB 235    | ✗ | Would have allocated additional Circuit Court judicial positions in Jackson, Lane, Clackamas, Josephine, Douglas, and Washington counties.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SB 306    | ✓ | Allows for a limited practice paralegal program, and allows the Oregon State Bar to license and regulate paralegals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| SB 807    | ✓ | Allows a judge to challenge a motion, or series of motions, to disqualify the judge when it effectively denies the judge's assignment to a criminal or juvenile delinquency docket, by requesting a hearing before a disinterested judge to determine whether there is a reasonable good faith belief that the judge lacks fairness or impartiality, with the burden of proof on the motion filer. |
| HB 2224 A | ✗ | Would have increased the fees paid to jurors serving in circuit courts and allowed for future cost of living adjustments by Oregon Judicial Department. It would also match the mileage reimbursement rate to the federal reimbursement rate for travel using a private vehicle for circuit court jury duty.                                                                                       |
| HB 2225   | ✓ | Makes various program and language changes to statutes impacting the Judicial Department, including modifications to appointing senior judges, specifications on when senior judges are authorized to issue search warrants, clarifies the service of parenting time motions, and modifies provisions related to contempt of court and electronic records policy.                                  |
| HB 2325   | ✓ | Permits the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors to elect a non-attorney board member as president or president-elect of the Board.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| HB 2427   | ✗ | Would have modified the Oregon per-mile reimbursement rate for traveling to perform court witness duties, by making it equal to the federal reimbursement rate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

- HB 2473    ✗    Would have permitted court clerks or administrators to certify court records from any county.
- HB 2497    ✗    Would have directed the State Court Administrator to conduct assessment of rural courthouses for future viability; it would have required the state to upgrade infrastructure or replace courthouses as determined by the assessment.
- HB 3581    ✗    Would have expanded the permitted use of XI-Q bonds to include the expansion of a courthouse, remediation of structural defects, and modified the credit calculation to the counties.

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