

2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2153 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Eliminates statute of limitations for certain sex crimes under specific circumstances.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Judicial Department, Criminal Justice Commission,
Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, Public Defense Services Commission
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DATE: April 30, 2007

EXPENDITURES: See Comments	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>
REVENUES: See Comments	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: This measure will eliminate the statute of limitations on certain sex crimes in which the DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) has been preserved and its characteristics can be tested. It is not possible to know how many cases this may affect. It may result in increased convictions or resolution of unsolved cases, which in turn, would result in an increase in the need for prison beds. The Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC) anticipates that there would be some increased level of prosecution, but it is not possible to quantify how many additional prosecutions would result from this measure. PDSC incurs defense costs of between \$2,561 for a Measure 11 Class A Felony and \$484 for a Class C Felony. The Criminal Justice Commission indicates that it does not expect an unusual increase in the number of beds needed as a result of this measure. The Department of Justice anticipates a minimal fiscal impact to its Defense of Criminal Convictions unit.