

# House Bill 2302

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## SUMMARY

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Expands duties of Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Oregon Criminal Justice Commission; amending ORS 137.656.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 137.656 is amended to read:

137.656. (1) The purpose of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of state and local criminal justice systems by providing a centralized and impartial forum for statewide policy development and planning.

(2) The primary duty of the commission is to develop and maintain a state criminal justice policy and comprehensive, long-range plan for a coordinated state criminal justice system that encompasses public safety, offender accountability, crime reduction and prevention and offender treatment and rehabilitation. The plan must include, but need not be limited to, recommendations regarding:

(a) Capacity, utilization and type of state and local prison and jail facilities;

(b) Implementation of community corrections programs;

(c) Alternatives to the use of prison and jail facilities;

(d) Appropriate use of existing facilities and programs;

(e) Whether additional or different facilities and programs are necessary;

(f) Methods of assessing the effectiveness of juvenile and adult correctional programs, devices and sanctions in reducing future criminal conduct by juvenile and adult offenders; and

(g) Methods of reducing the risk of future criminal conduct.

(3) Other duties of the commission are:

(a) To conduct joint studies by agreement with other state agencies, boards or commissions on any matter within the jurisdiction of the commission.

(b) To provide Oregon criminal justice analytical and statistical information to federal agencies and serve as a clearinghouse and information center for the collection, preparation, analysis and dissemination **of information** on state and local sentencing practices.

(c) To provide technical assistance and support to local public safety coordinating councils.

(d) To receive grant applications to start or expand drug court programs as defined in ORS 3.450, to make rules to govern the grant process and to award grant funds according to the rules.

**(e) When a state corrections population forecast issued under ORS 184.351 indicates that the inmate population will exceed available prison capacity within two years of the date of the forecast, to identify specific options for reducing the number of prison admissions or for**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **adjusting sentence lengths for specific groups of offenders and to analyze the effect of each**  
2 **option. The commission shall include in the analysis of each option an assessment of the**  
3 **option's effect on the overall prison population and on public safety and costs. In preparing**  
4 **the analysis, the commission shall review research regarding the effectiveness of each option**  
5 **and the experience of other states. No later than three months after receiving a forecast**  
6 **under ORS 184.351 that initiates the process described in this paragraph, the commission**  
7 **shall submit a report containing the analyses required by this paragraph to the Governor and**  
8 **the legislative committees with jurisdiction over criminal sentencing issues and Department**  
9 **of Corrections policies.**

10 **(f) At the request of the Governor or a legislative committee with jurisdiction over**  
11 **criminal sentencing issues and Department of Corrections policies, to initiate and complete**  
12 **an analysis of sentencing policy adjustments not otherwise evaluated by the commission.**

13 (4) The commission shall establish by rule the information that must be submitted under ORS  
14 137.010 (9) and the methods for submitting the information. A rule adopted under this subsection  
15 must be approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court before it takes effect.

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