

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: Dingfelder

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that the Department of Corrections (DOC) may enter into a contract with a public entity for correctional services in a facility located in another state. Sunsets in four years. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of use of contracting for privately run prison beds outside of state
- Publicly owned, privately run prisons

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows contracting with institutions owned or operated by a public entity. Adds a four year sunset.

BACKGROUND: In 2001, the legislature authorized the Department of Corrections to contract to use out of state prison beds. The authorization sunsets in 2009. The Director of the Department of Corrections states that he is not intending to use this authorization but needs to keep the option for flexibility in emergencies.