2009 Regular Legislative Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3218 STATUS: Original

SUBJECT: Directs the Department of Corrections to establish on-the-job training program for ex-

offenders.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Corrections and Counties

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DATE: April 1, 2009

EXPENDITURES: Department of Corrections – General Fund	2009-2011	2011-2013
Personal Services	\$ 242,348	\$ 60,587
Grants to Counties	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 600,000
	\$ 2,642,348	\$ 660,587
POSITIONS / FTE:		
Business and Employment Spec. (SR 18	2/2.00	2/0.50

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 bill would direct the Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish on-the-job training programs for ex-offenders. DOC may provide grants to counties to carry out the intent of this bill and provide employers, who choose to participate, reimbursement for wages and the extraordinary costs of training and additional supervision. In addition, DOC will provide an assessment of each ex-offender enrolled in the program to determine if they meet the requirements of a potential employer. The bill has a sunset date of January 2, 2012 and requires DOC to report to the Legislative Assembly on the performance results of the program.

DOC anticipates needing two positions (2.00 FTE) to provide assessments, screening, and to work with employers. Based on information from an existing non-profit program which assists offenders with employment services, the agency also estimates needing \$2.4 million in the first biennium to wage support for employers who employ ex-offenders enrolled in this program. The expenditures in 2011-13 are for six months to reflect the sunset date of the bill.