

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

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3263 **STATUS:** Original
SUBJECT: Extends statute of limitations for certain sex crimes.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Corrections, Oregon Judicial Department and Public Defense Services Commission
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Analysis.		

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

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 remove the statute of limitations on certain sex crimes and allow prosecution at any time after the commission of the crime.

This measure has an indeterminate impact due to the uncertainty of how many arrests will occur due to the provisions of this bill and in turn how many offenders may go to trial and ultimately be convicted and sentenced according to the provisions of this bill. Therefore, the agencies affected by this bill may require a budget adjustment, by the current Legislature, the Emergency Board, or a future Legislature, if the agency's budgeted resources prove insufficient to cover the actual cost of this measure.

Although it is not possible to predict with any reliability how many additional cases may be prosecuted due to the provisions of this bill, the severity of the sanctions could have a substantial impact on the prison system. Convictions for these crimes would likely result in a prison sentence of between 75 and 100 months. One additional conviction could result in an additional \$175,000 to \$235,000 in prison bed costs.