

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2362 - A**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session
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Date: 4/4/2011**Measure Description:**

Requires Department of Corrections to adopt rules establishing minimum requirements for maintenance of certification as corrections officer.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

Summary of Expenditure Impact

	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
General Fund	\$188,492	\$183,479
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds	\$27,705	\$52,160
Federal Funds		
Total Funds	\$216,197	\$235,669
Positions	2	2
FTE	1.25	1.50

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.

Analysis: This bill would require the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to adopt rules establishing the minimum requirements, including continued training and education, for corrections officers to maintain certification. The Department of Corrections (DOC) would be required to implement and oversee the certification standards.

DOC indicates they would require 1 positions (1.00 FTE) at \$183,479 General Fund (GF) per biennium to monitor and supervise the certification standards established by DPSST. While it is unclear what the new DPSST established requirements required by this bill will require, it is likely DOC will need additional resources to implement and track these requirements for the over 2,500 correctional officers it employees. The actual resources DOC will need will depend in part of the level and complexity of the standards that are established. The Governor's Budget does not provide these resources. DOC would likely need additional GF limitation and position authority for these resources.

DPSST also indicates the need for an additional position (0.50 FTE) and \$52,160 Other Funds per biennium to fulfill the requirements of this bill. DPSST also indicates that the certification standard would apply to all corrections offices and not just corrections officers employed by DOC. There are approximately 11,400 corrections officers in DPSST's database and 2,560 employed by DOC. It is not clear if there would be an additional fiscal impact to cities and counties that employ corrections officers and would be subject to the new standards developed by DPSST.

The Legislative Fiscal Office believes this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee for consideration of this measure's budgetary impact on the State's General Fund. It should be noted that the training resources for DOC have been reduced substantially in the Governor's recommended budget.