FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Modifies crime of prostitution.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections, District Attorneys and their Deputies, Judicial Department, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Public Defense Services Commission

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 increase the penalty for patronizing a prostitute if the individual is under the age of 18. The penalty is classified as a Class A misdemeanor with a fine of \$20,000. The –A3 amendment requires mandatory 7 days in jail upon the second offense.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate due to the lack of statistics on how often this may occur. Because the offense is classified as a misdemeanor, any jail time would be served at the local level and therefore would have an impact on counties. The most current information available indicates the average per bed per day cost for jail beds at the local level is approximately \$100. This number varies widely depending upon the county.

There would be no fiscal for the Department of Corrections and the Oregon Judicial Department and the Public Defense Services Commission anticipate a minimal fiscal impact.

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