

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3285 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Department of Corrections to assess and collect certain fees from inmates.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections

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 will allow the Department of Corrections (DOC) to assess and collect fees for administering inmate trust accounts.

DOC administers approximately 14,000 inmate accounts. The bill will allow DOC to charge a percentage fee for administering inmate accounts. The amount of this fee is not specified in the bill and would be established administratively. The Governor's budget includes a \$1.5 million General Fund (GF) reduction in anticipation of DOC being able to charge these fees. The fees charged by DOC are meant to offset the costs associated with managing the inmate trust accounts. The -1 amendment caps the fee at 5%. This will generate approximately \$950,000 per biennium. The Legislative Fiscal Office believes this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee.