

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 425 - A

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Measure Description:

Provides that defendant's knowledge of victim's age is immaterial in prosecution for compelling minor to engage in prostitution.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, District Attorneys and their Deputies, Judicial Department, 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 provides that a defendant's knowledge of a victim's age is immaterial. The bill also would include actions that aid or facilitate the commission of prostitution or compelling prostitution.

It is not known if the provisions of this bill will result in more prosecutions and, potentially, more prison time. Current data does not indicate whether or not a defendant knew the age of the victim and it is difficult to identify the potential number of additional cases that may be prosecuted. Any additional cases prosecuted would result in additional costs to the Oregon Judicial Department, Public Defense Services Commission, and the Department of Corrections. If the number of cases prosecuted is of a sufficient volume, the agencies affected may need to return to the Legislative Assembly for additional resources. The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate.