

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Hicks
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 24 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Richardson,
G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc: Nolan

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 8, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the eleven-member Task Force on Shared Housing of Special Populations in County Jails . Directs the task force to explore the feasibility of dedicating certain parts of a local community correctional facility to specific categories of inmates that have special housing needs and to consider regional approaches when doing so. Sets forth who appoints members of the task force. Directs the Department of Corrections to provide staff for the task force.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Merits of task forces

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows the Association of Oregon Counties to provide supplemental staff support to the task force.

BACKGROUND: Local community corrections facilities have large numbers of inmates with special needs ranging from mental health issues to severe health problems such as HIV and diabetes. Rather than have each community corrections facility attempt to handle each of these special populations, it may be better if a regional approach could be developed with different community corrections facilities specializing in certain problem populations.