

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 6 - 2 - 2

Yeas: Hicks, Nolan, Tomei, Wand, Barker, Krieger

Nays: Olson, Schaufler

Exc.: Garrett, Whisnant

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the Task Force on Shared Housing of Special Populations in County Jails consisting of eleven members. 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:

- No sheriffs on task force
- Costs of running task force
- Should the Association of Oregon Counties run the task force

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.