76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates the Department of Corrections' pilot program involving the treatment of sex offenders with hormone antiandrogen such medroxyprogesterone acetate.

MEASURE: SB 356 A CARRIER: Sen. Whitsett

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- No one willing to provide treatment
- Potential liability
- Ineffectiveness of program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: In 1999, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish a sex offender treatment program involving treating sex offenders with hormones such as medroxyprogesterone acetate, also known as Depo-Provera, for the purposes of diminishing the offender's sex drive. Since April of last year, the DOC has been unable to find anyone willing to provide the medical services needed to operate this program.