

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote: 3 - 2 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Prozanski
Nays: Kruse, Whitsett
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/28, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement for initiative measures that affect the racial and ethnic composition of the criminal justice offender population or the recipients of human services. Defines “criminal offender population” as those convicted of a felony or adjudicated a delinquent for the commission of what would be a felony if the person were an adult. Defines “recipients of human services” as persons found under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for a dependency matter or who receive child welfare services. Requires the Secretary of State to have a hearing no later than the 95th day before an election to receive suggested changes to the ethnic impact statement. Applies to elections held after November 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost
- Better understanding of the consequences of initiatives that impact the criminal justice system

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the bill.

BACKGROUND: Minorities make up a disproportionate percentage of prison youth corrections populations in the United States. This is also true of Oregon. The percentages are as follows for the Department of Corrections (DOC) and Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) compared to the percentage these populations comprise in the state:

	DOC	OYA	State
Asian:	1.3%	1.2%	2.0%
Black:	9.6%	10.5%	3.7%
Hispanic:	13.5%	23.8%	11.2%
American Indian:	2.4%	3.7%	2.4%
White:	72.9%	55.9%	72.9%