76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session **MEASURE: SB 761 A CARRIER:**

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 and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and

Means

3 - 2 - 0 Vote:

> Bonamici, Dingfelder, Prozanski Yeas:

Kruse, Whitsett Nays:

Exc.:

Prepared By: Aaron Knott, Counsel

Meeting Dates: 3/7, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies statutory provisions governing the release of inmates who successfully complete an alternative incarceration program (AIP).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of alternative incarceration programs
- Sentence calculation under existing law
- Effect of consecutive sentences on eligibility for AIP

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Current ORS 421.508 governs the determination of which offenders are eligible to participate in AIP. Oregon's "Alternative Incarceration Program" (AIP) provides intensive treatment of criminals. The Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) is responsible for the administration of this program. Inmates who graduate from the program are rewarded with shortened sentences. An offender is not eligible for release under this section unless and until the offender has served a term of incarceration of at least one year. An offender also may not be released if the release would reduce the term of incarceration the offender would otherwise be required to serve by more than 20 percent.

Senate Bill 761 A authorizes DOC to release a prisoner upon completion of an AIP program irrespective of the amount of time served or remaining on the prisoner's sentence.