



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Jeff Barker, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

RE: Senate Bill 187

Chair Barker and members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am Chane Griggs, Assistant Director of Offender Management and Rehabilitation for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 187 which unanimously passed out of the Senate in February.

What this Bill Does

Senate Bill 187 ensures the Department of Corrections has 45 days after receipt of court order directing the department to prepare a proposed release plan, to develop a meaningful plan for the court's consideration.

Issue Addressed by this Bill

The Department of Corrections is required by law to develop and send a proposed release plan to the court if the court determines that second look conditional release is the appropriate disposition for an eligible offender.

Under current law, the Department of Corrections is required to send the proposed release plan to the court within *45 days of the date* of the second look hearing, regardless of when the Department receives the court's order directing it to prepare the proposed release plan. Often these court orders are not received in sufficient time for the Department to prepare and submit an effective proposed release plan within the deadline.

This legislation changes the law to allow the Department of Corrections to submit the proposed release plan to the court within *45 days after receipt of the court's direction* to prepare the plan. This change will permit DOC time to complete the required release planning in a meaningful way and to prepare and submit to the courts proposed release plans for offenders being released into the community on second look conditional release.

I would be happy to answer any questions.

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