



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: Senate Bill 70

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am Jeremiah Stromberg, Assistant Director of Community Corrections for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 70 and answer any questions you may have.

What this Bill Does

SB 70 eliminates the July 1, 2013 sunset that limits the length of incarceration a court may impose when certain probationary sentences are revoked for reasons other than the commission of a new crime.

Issue Addressed by this Bill

In 2009 the legislature limited courts to imposing no more than 60 days of incarceration when certain probationary sentences were revoked. HB 3508 (2009) had a sunset date of July 1, 2011. The 2011 Legislature passed SB 730 which moved the sunset to July 1, 2013. SB 70 would eliminate the sunset.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) budget includes funding for the budgets of county jails (from 1995's SB 1145). Each biennium, DOC distributes funds to the counties for local control, probation, and post-prison supervision. DOC's 2013-15 Governor's Balanced Budget is based on a caseload forecast completed by the Department of Administrative Services Office of Economic Analysis assumed the 60 day limit is in effect for all of 2013-15. If SB 70 passes there will be no budgetary impact. If, however, SB 70 does not pass, DOC will require additional funding in the amount of \$9.8 million for Community Corrections for the local jails.

These amounts represent estimates while actual costs could vary higher or lower depending on the number of revocations. Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome your questions.

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