



# Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee

## **RE: House Bill 2234**

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 House Bill 2234 and answer any questions you may have.

### **What this Bill Does**

HB 2234 removes the July 1, 2013 sunset for local control offenders moving to “inactive” status.

### **Background**

The 2011 Legislature passed Senate Bill 75 to extend the sunset for local control offenders to move to an “inactive” status after half their sentence is served unless the parole officer requests the offender remain on active supervision. In order for an offender to be considered for inactive supervision, they must be in compliance with the conditions of their supervision and have paid in full any restitution or compensatory fines.

Once an offender is placed on inactive supervision, they remain subject to arrest and can be returned to active supervision by the Local Supervisory Authority upon a finding that inactive status is no longer in the offender's best interest or that of the community.

### **Issue or Problem Addressed by this Bill**

This practice aligns the laws governing inactive status for post-prison supervision under the Local Supervisory Authority with those governing inactive status for persons under the jurisdiction of the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (BOPPPS).

### **How this Bill Changes Current Law**

HB 2234 removes the July 1, 2013 sunset (established in 2011 by SB 75).

There is no negative fiscal impact associated with this bill. Rather, it is a cost savings to Community Corrections. Between July 2009 and October 2012, a total of 544 offenders have been moved to inactive status under the provisions of HB 3508 (2009). The average number of supervision days saved were 228 representing a cost savings of approximately \$783,000.

Furthermore, based upon the number of offenders who may become eligible in the next biennium, it is estimated there would be a savings of \$887,000.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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