

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 9 - 1 - 0
Senate Yeas: Roblan, Prozanski, Winters
Senate Nays: Close
House Yeas: Barker, Hicks, Krieger, Matthews, Garrett, Olson
House Nays: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/5, 6/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: The measure impacts five areas of Oregon criminal law: 1) Sentencing; 2) Offender Incentives; 3) Offender Supervision; 4) Program Assessment; and 5) Correctional Resources. Reduces presumptive sentence for repeat offenders convicted of Identity Theft and Robbery III; eliminates prohibition on probation for offenders convicted of multiple drug offenses; modifies sentencing for marijuana offenses and driving while suspended or revoked; modifies crime of harassment. Increases maximum length of short-term transitional leave Department of Corrections (DOC) may grant; authorizes reduction in supervision term for certain offenders. Authorizes supervisory authority to propose modifications to special conditions of probation. Establishes Task Force on Public Safety. Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (OCJC) to collect best practices applicable to specialty courts. Establishes definition of “recidivism.” Requires correctional forecast to include margin of error. Modifies requirements related to fiscal impact statements and use of evidence-based practices. Directs DOC to identify cost-containment solutions. Creates Justice Reinvestment Grant Program; directs OCJC to administer grants in conjunction with advisory committee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Prison growth
- Investments in local communities
- Will of voters

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: In February of 2012, legislative leadership requested that the Governor continue the work done by the previous iteration of the Commission on Public Safety. In response, Governor Kitzhaber reconvened and reconstituted the Commission on Public Safety. After nearly six months of hearings (<http://www.oregon.gov/CJC/Pages/2012ComPubSaf.aspx>), the Commission issued a final report, which was the basis for discussions of the Joint Committee on Public Safety.

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