



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Sara Gelser, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

RE: Senate Bill 234

Chair Gelser and members of the committee, I am Elizabeth Craig, Administrator of the Oregon Department of Corrections' (DOC) Government Efficiencies and Communications office. I am here to testify in support of SB 234 and answer any questions you may have.

What the Bill Does:

SB 234 repeals an outdated and unnecessary statute that was originally adopted at a time before the creation of the DOC. At the time of adoption, state institutions for adult prisoners, juvenile offenders, the mentally ill, and the developmentally disabled were all organized within the Department of Human Services under various divisions; the institutions were few; and those institutions were managed much more independently by superintendents.

Issues Addressed by the Bill:

It will repeal the language that states "the DOC and such officials as may direct or control the management of penal, correctional, custodial and charitable institutions of the state or its political subdivisions, and the youth correction facilities, shall jointly annually promulgate rules to authorize the purchase by such institutions of the products to be manufactured by OCE."

Due to organizational changes in the structure and management of these state institutions, it is no longer necessary or useful for the various agencies that currently manage these state institutions to jointly adopt rules for purchasing products manufactured by OCE. Currently, DOC follows the Department of Administrative Services' purchasing rules to make purchases of goods from OCE. These purchasing rules are generally applicable to DOC and other state agencies.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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