

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Approves adoption of rules by the Criminal Justice Commission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The primary duty of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission is to develop and maintain a comprehensive statewide criminal justice policy. ORS 137.667 requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to review legislation that creates or modifies existing crimes, and adopt any necessary changes to the sentencing guidelines.

Senate Bill 600 approves adoption and modification to the rules of the Criminal Justice Commission. The rule changes include updates to the Oregon Sentencing Guidelines required by SB 6, SB 124, and HB 3194 of the 2013 legislative session. The rules include a new mitigating factor – evidence regarding the defendant’s status as a service member. The rules contain new crime classifications for Animal Abuse, Driving While Suspended or Revoked, and certain Delivery to Minor offenses. Animal Abuse 1 and 2 is now a category 6 or 7, depending upon the conduct. Driving While Suspended or Revoked is now a category 4 or 6 in certain circumstances. Using a Minor in a Drug Offense is now a category 6. There are also new person crimes listed.