



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Jeff Barker, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

RE: House Bill 2310

Chair Barker and members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am Heidi Steward, Assistant Director of the Offender Management and Rehabilitation Division for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). The department participated on the workgroup that convened last session and drafted HB 4098, which attempted the same credit for time served changes that HB 2310 is bringing forth. I am here to testify in support of the bill, and answer any questions.

What the Bill Does:

House Bill 2310 expands the statutes to allow for additional application of credit for time served in the county jails that is currently not applicable in a variety of circumstances.

Background Information:

Existing law limits the credit for time served that a person may receive to only time spent in jail for the crime (or a lesser included) for which their sentence is imposed. Additionally, courts have discretion to grant or deny credit for time previously served toward probation revocation sentences.

Issues Addressed by the Bill:

This bill expands the circumstances under which persons may receive credit for time served including greater inclusive offenses and multiple offenses considered part of the same criminal episode as well as probation, diversion, specialty court, and conditional discharge revocations. Credit for time served is a calculation of a sentence as opposed to a reduction of a sentence. Amending these statutes will also result in savings for DOC.

Requested Action:

For the reasons stated above, the DOC supports HB 2310, and encourages the committee to vote HB 2310 out of committee with a do pass recommendation.

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

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