

**HB 3503**

**Relating to offenders with minor children**

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HB 3503 establishes the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program. The program diverts qualified offenders who have custody of a minor child at the time of the offense from prison to probation. If the offense requires a mandatory sentence, is a sex crime, or a person felony, the offender would not qualify to participate in the program.

If the court finds that diversion is warranted, the offender would be on probation under conditions including geographical restrictions, vocational training, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and life skills classes.

The counties expected to participate in the pilot are Deschutes, Jackson, Marion, Multnomah, and Washington and the probation caseload is projected to be 120.

The 2015-17 fiscal impact is \$2 million General Fund. The appropriation supports a probation officer in each participating county, increased probation caseload costs, additional treatment and housing expense, and administrative support within the Department of Corrections. Additionally, a coordinating position the Department of Human Services is authorized.

The bill requires reporting to the Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2017 and the pilot sunsets in 2025.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 3503 be amended by the -A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.