

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 232

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Department of Corrections to accept moneys for reentry support and services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure authorizes the Department of Corrections (DOC) to accept moneys for reentry support and services to offenders released on supervision. The moneys may come from federal grants or other grants or financial assistance from any other source. The measure allows DOC to use the moneys received to make grants to counties for the purpose of supplementing funding for reentry support services. The measure establishes a subaccount within the Department of Corrections Account and continuously appropriates the moneys in the subaccount to the department for the purposes of the measure. The measure is effective on passage.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The source and the amount of funds to be awarded are unknown. Once grant funding has been identified, DOC would need Other Funds limitation in order to receive and distribute the grant monies to counties.

DOC plans to allocate the anticipated workload for start-up of the program, including exploring available funding sources and rule-making and design of the grant program, to existing staff and budgeted resources until the availability and amount of funds available become known.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that a grant program is outside the normal scope of practice for DOC. While DOC does not anticipate additional staff would be required to administer the program initially, the availability and amount of grants to be received, and subsequently awarded, could materially affect the level of staffing required and the agency may need to return to the Legislature for additional resources.