

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Judiciary

MEASURE: SB 232
CARRIER: Sen. Prozanski

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/12/15
Action: Do Pass.
Meeting Dates: 02/04, 02/12
Senate
Yeas: 5 - Burdick, Gelser, Thatcher, Prozanski, Kruse

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Department of Corrections (DOC) to apply for grants or other financial support for reentry services. Establishes DOC subaccount for funding received. Continuously appropriates funding in subaccount for reentry support and services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Substance of the bill
- Need for reentry support and service
- Reduction of recidivism

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Corrections (DOC) currently lacks the authority to apply for federal grant funding earmarked for reentry support and services. County corrections agencies do have the authority to use grant-in-aid funds for reentry purposes.

Senate Bill 232 would allow the DOC to secure supplemental funding through federal grant application. The grant of authority is narrowly tailored, allowing for application only in the context of reentry support and services for offenders released on supervision. Examples of reentry services include jobs programs, housing assistance and drug and alcohol treatment.