

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2423**

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**Measure Description:**

Provides that inmates convicted of certain crimes are not eligible for earned time reduction in prison sentence.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Corrections

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

<b>Agency – Fund Type</b>	<b>2015-2017 Biennium</b>	<b>2017-2019 Biennium</b>
Department of Corrections – General Fund		
Prison Cost	\$52,711	\$52,711
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$52,711</b>	<b>\$52,711</b>

**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 provides that inmates convicted of certain crimes are not eligible for earned time reduction in prison sentences and eliminates certain earned time reductions available for completion of education programs.

Currently, up to 60 days of earned time credit is applied for appropriate behavior, or upon completion of a qualified educational program. Based on the current law, the earned time credit is essentially provided twice, for appropriate behavior, and the educational program—for which appropriate behavior is required for participation.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) estimates that this measure would reduce the earned time credit for approximately 10% of the 250 inmates that complete a qualified educational program each year. This would affect approximately 50 inmates per biennium, resulting in an average increased length of stay of 45 days in a DOC facility at a marginal cost per day of \$23.41.

HB 3194 (2013) requires a 10-year estimate of the fiscal impact for measures with an effect on crimes and sentencing. Using the assumptions for educational program participation above, DOC anticipates the cost to remain flat in future biennia at \$52,711 General Fund for 2019-21, 2021-23, and 2013-25.