

## SB 692 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Judiciary

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates money from General Fund to create pre-entry pilot program. Directs Public Defense Services Commission to report on result of program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of social worker assisting with pre-entry
- Types of matters that should be addressed before incarceration
- How this would prevent recidivism
- Financial cost

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Directs Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC) to provide money to Metropolitan Public Defender Services (MPDS) if MPDS is maintaining a pre-entry pilot program in Multnomah and one rural county. Requires MPDS to collect and submit to PDSC data on this program. Specifies type of data to be collected. Directs PDSC to review data and prepare report by February 1, 2019. Directs MPDS to create pre-entry checklist and partner with Department of Corrections.

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#### BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 969 to create the Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing (task force). The task force was directed to study and recommend methods and actions that state and local governments could take to assist persons reentering society following incarceration. As part of its work, the task force learned of the pre-entry program at Metropolitan Public Defender Services. This program assists persons in preparing for incarceration, such as teaching them how to defer or suspend financial obligations during incarceration. The task force recommended that establishing a program for pre-entry services to assist persons with getting their affairs in order prior to incarceration.

Senate Bill 692 appropriates money from the general fund to create a pre-entry pilot program at Metropolitan Public Defender Services and an office in a rural county providing public defender services. It directs the Public Defense Services Commission to study the results of the pre-entry pilot program.