



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: Senate Bill 690

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, for the record, I am Larry Bennett, the Community Corrections Administrator for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to provide neutral testimony on SB 690.

What the Bill Does:

SB 690 establishes procedures for applying for, petitioning for, and issuing a Certificate of Good Standing (CGS). It also creates a violation offense if a person knowingly presents a revoked or invalid certificate, punishable by a maximum \$1,000 fine. Lastly, SB 690 provides that in certain negligence actions, a valid certificate creates rebuttable presumption that an employer was not negligent.

Background Information:

The department is well aware of many of the challenges adults in custody face while transitioning back into the community, including difficulty finding housing and employment, and the stigma associated with having been convicted of a felony. As an agency, we are generally supportive of any efforts that work to mitigate these challenges for releasing individuals from the department.

Issues Addressed by the Bill:

SB 690 will help address one of many barriers offenders are faced with upon re-entry to the community. DOC is appreciative of a process by which a person who has successfully completed supervision is recognized for their achievement in an effective and efficient manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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