

**SB 713 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Approves rules adopted by Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission was established in 1995. The purpose of the Commission is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of state and local criminal justice systems by providing a centralized and impartial forum for statewide policy development and planning. Among other tasks, the Commission is required to review criminal legislation and make any necessary modifications to the sentencing guidelines to reflect the actions of the Legislative Assembly. In addition, the Commission is empowered to adopt discretionary modifications to the sentencing guidelines pursuant to a majority vote of the Commission. Both sets of modifications must be presented to the Legislative Assembly for permanent approval pursuant to ORS 137.667. Senate Bill 713-A submits rule changes made this biennium to the Legislative Assembly for approval.