



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: House Bill 3438

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, for the record, I am Jeremiah Stromberg, Assistant Director of the Community Corrections Division for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to testify in regards to HB 3438.

What the Bill Does:

HB 3438 directs DOC to include information in release plans concerning transitional housing or treatment programs to which the adult in custody (AIC) has been accepted.

Background Information:

DOC is responsible for providing a release plan for every AIC to the Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (Board). While the statutory default is that a person shall return to the county of residence at the time of his or her crime, the Board has the authority to find good cause to relocate the person to another county. Therefore, the information provided in the release plan is critical to the Board's ability to make an educated decision based on all the relevant factors associated with returning from custody to the community.

Issues Addressed by the Bill:

This bill clarifies two of the factors DOC, the Board, and community corrections considers when waiving an AIC from one county to another, or for those already on community supervision. It is important to note that these are not the only factors that must be considered; victim safety, education programs, and positive family and community support are others that must be considered in the totality of the situation. Providing the best opportunity for the person on supervision to succeed and protecting the community remain the goals when determining where to allow a person to reside.

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

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