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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Re: SB 844 Relating to inmate trust account moneys

Senator Winters: “SB 844 authorizes the Department of Corrections to collect certain amounts in an inmate’s trust account to go towards paying off court-ordered financial obligations such as victims’ restitution and court fines and fees, and to establish a re-entry savings account for each adult in custody. These two elements place an emphasis on accountability and transition, both of which are critical to DOC’s mission. The bill directs the Department of Justice and the Oregon Judicial Department to provide DOC with an accounting of each inmate’s court-ordered financial obligations, and to apply funds received from the Department to those obligations.

In order for these financial obligations to be repaid and the transition accounts to be set up, DOC’s inmate trust accounting software system must be upgraded and enhanced. The amendment recommended by the Subcommittee increases the agency’s Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$500,000 to pay for the software upgrade, and contains a \$275,000 General Fund appropriation to pay for the required system enhancements.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 844 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”