

HB 2253 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Williamson

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/08/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-0-2-0

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Post, Sanchez, Sprenger, Stark, Vial, Williamson

Exc: 2 - Lininger, Olson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate to perform electrical and plumbing work while under the direct supervision of a licensed electrician or plumber who is an employee of DOC or Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE). Allows OCE to supervise inmates participating in a DOC or OCE program pursuant to an agreement between OCE and DOC.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of Oregon Corrections Enterprises
- Discussion of need for HB 2253

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1994, voters passed Measure 17, which amended the Oregon Constitution to require all state prison inmates to be actively engaged in work or training. Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) works with the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide adult inmates with work and training opportunities. Under current Oregon law, inmates in DOC custody may only perform electrical or plumbing work while under the direct supervision of a DOC employee who is a licensed electrician or plumber. House Bill 2253 would allow inmates to perform electrical and plumbing work while under the direct supervision of a licensed electrician or plumber who is an employee of DOC or OCE. HB 2253 would also allow OCE to supervise inmates participating in a DOC or OCE program pursuant to an agreement between OCE and DOC.