

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 935 REVISED**79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: John Terpening
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Date: 4-14-2017**Measure Description:**

Increases maximum transitional leave from 90 days to 180 days for Department of Corrections inmates not subject to certain specified sentences.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Department of Corrections

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency -- Fund Type	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Department of Corrections -- General Fund		
Position Cost	\$195,969	\$190,139
Prison Cost	(\$2,368,774)	(\$4,473,689)
Special Payments	\$1,186,824	\$2,241,447
Total Cost	(\$985,981)	(\$2,042,103)
Position / FTE	1 / 1.00	1 / 1.00

Analysis:***This fiscal impact statement has been revised based on additional information received from the Department of Corrections related to the reduction of emergency beds.***

The measure increases the maximum short term transitional leave from 90 days to 180 days for Department of Corrections (DOC) inmates not subject to certain specified sentences. DOC notes that there is no permanent bed capacity and the Department has maximized the use of emergency beds.

The increase to short term transitional leave as a result of this measure will first result in the reduction of emergency beds at a cost per day rate of \$23.33. DOC notes that in addition to this reduction in the use of emergency beds there will be an increase in the cost to community corrections departments for local control and probation at a cost per day of \$11.69. The numbers in the table above represent the savings to DOC for the reduction of emergency beds and the special payments to counties.

DOC notes that the expansion of this program would result in moving timelines up for sentence reviews of all eligible inmates. Currently, this review is scheduled 6 months in advance of the projected release date. DOC notes that adjusting the transitional leave to 180 days would require an additional permanent full-time Operations and Policy Analyst position to assist with that effort. The estimated cost of this position is \$195,969 General Fund in 2017-19.

HB 3194 (2013) requires a 10-year estimate of the fiscal impact for measures with an effect on crimes and sentencing. Increasing the maximum short term transitional leave will result in a net cost savings of \$2,180,334 General Fund in 2021-23, net savings of \$2,296,773 General Fund in 2023-25, and net savings of \$2,409,108 General Fund in 2025-27. DOC anticipates that this will result in a reduction of 308 emergency beds by June 2027.