

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs county governing body of each county to establish by rule community service exchange program for person to enter into agreement with community-based organization to perform community service in lieu of payment for delinquent fees or debts.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Counties, Department of Corrections, Judicial Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

The measure directs a county governing body of each county to establish a community service exchange program for individuals to perform community service in lieu of payment of delinquent fees or debts or fees for supervision. The local supervisory authority may determine whether to participate in the community exchange program or if a community-based organization qualifies for the program. The measure requires that the community-based organizations that enter into agreements with individuals must also supervise and track the work performed to fulfill the agreement.

Currently, offenders on parole or post-prison supervision are required to pay a fixed fee to counties that is intended to cover the costs of an offender’s supervision. As an example, the Department of Corrections (DOC) manages community corrections for both Douglas and Linn County, at a cost of \$35 per month per offender. This generates revenue of approximately \$1.1 million Other Funds each biennium to pay for the costs of the program.

The impact on both revenue and expenditures would be dependent on the number of offenders eligible for the exchange program and the amount of time they participated in the program. As a result, the fiscal impact is indeterminate. DOC notes that if individual counties are unable to collect fees to cover the costs of their supervision program, it may result in a loss of available services to offenders in those counties. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) has requested information from the Association of Oregon Counties but has not yet received a response. If additional information is received, LFO will issue a revised fiscal impact statement.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Judicial Department and no fiscal impact to the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision as a result of this measure.