

SB 690 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/18/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows person convicted of felony or Class A misdemeanor to petition court for Certificate of Good Standing. Authorizes court to issue certificate one year after person completes all requirements of sentence, including completion of treatment programs, if person has satisfied court-ordered financial obligations or is current on an approved payment plan, has no pending criminal charges and is engaged in, or seeking to engage in, lawful employment, education or rehabilitative program or otherwise has lawful source of support. Directs Oregon State Police to enter certificate into law enforcement databases and remove it if certificate revoked after person subsequently convicted of crime other than Class C misdemeanor. Authorizes district attorney to object to issuance of certificate and prohibits district attorney from conditioning plea offer on future eligibility for certificate. Provides employer who hires person with a certificate with a rebuttable presumption of non-negligence in a negligent hiring claim.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Joint Interim Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing
- Reformation and reentry into community; preventing recidivism
- Landlords and employers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Washington recently enacted the Certificate of Restoration of Opportunities Act that provides reformed offenders with an opportunity to obtain licensure and social services for which the offender would otherwise be ineligible. See RCW 9.97.020.