

HB 3146 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Replaces the term "inmate" with "adult in custody" throughout the Oregon code.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Corrections averages just under 15,000 individuals in its care and custody at any point in time. Approximately 95 percent of those individuals will return to the community after incarceration--with approximately 440 individuals released each month. Over the course of the last seven years, the Department of Corrections has focused its efforts on the successful reentry of individuals after incarceration. A piece of that work has been to provide reformation and treatment in a normalized environment and a humane manner. Through this work, the Departments has taken the position that the term "inmate" is a stigmatizing label that affects an individual's successful reentry.

House Bill 3146 replaces all statutory references to "inmate" with "adult in custody."