

HB 4121 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility may not contract with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement if the Legislative Assembly, during any biennium, appropriates \$1,640,000 to the facility.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facilities (NORCOR), is a Regional Adult Corrections and Juvenile Detention complex that serves four counties; Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, and Gilliam. The complex, located in The Dalles, Oregon, provides 154 (expandable to 212) adult beds and 32 juvenile beds. In the event bed space exists beyond the four county's needs, NORCOR rents bed space to other entities to generate revenue. In 2018-2019, the average population was 154 for the adult facility and 14 for the juvenile facility. At the present time, NORCOR has contracts with Benton and Wheeler counties as well as federal contracts with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the United States Marshals. Outside contracts account for approximately 36% of the NORCOR operating budget. The current ICE contract with NORCOR, which includes space allocation for adults and juveniles, amounts to \$1,640,000 per biennium for the facility.

House Bill 4121 prohibits NORCOR from entering into future contracts with ICE if the legislature appropriates \$1,640,000 to the facility.