SB 186 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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Meeting Dates: 1/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Approves amendments to existing administrative rules adopted by Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was established in 1995. The mission of the CJC is to "improve the legitimacy, efficiency, and effectiveness of state and local criminal justice systems." The CJC is responsible for long-range public safety planning, analyzing capacity and use of jails and prisons, funding and evaluating drug courts, providing a clearinghouse for criminal justice-related data, and staffing the Public Safety Task Force and other committees. The CJC is also required to review all new legislation that creates a new crime or modifies existing crime and make any necessary modifications to the sentencing guidelines to reflect the actions of the Legislative Assembly. Modifications to the sentencing guidelines are made through administrative rule. Under ORS 137.667, the Legislative Assembly must then approve the new rules and amendments by law.

Senate Bill 186 contains the administrative rules adjusting the guidelines due to enacted or modified crime-related measures. Modifications were made to several administrative rules based primarily on enactment of Senate Bill 1013 in 2019.