SB 47 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies remedial action procedures when county participating in Justice Reinvestment Program does not reduce utilization of imprisonment in Department of Corrections facilities. Allows the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to return a recommendation for remedial action by the Reinvestment Grant Review Committee to the committee for reconsideration.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires Justice Reinvestment Program to serve underserved populations in an equitable manner. Creates requirement that 15% of funds under the Program be devoted to culturally responsive services. Defines culturally responsive services. Adds two people with lived experience to the commission membership. Declares emergency.

BACKGROUND:

In consultation with the Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee (the committee) established by statute, the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (the commission) administers the Justice Reinvestment Program funds appropriated to the commission for purposes of the program. The commission awards grants to counties that establish a process to assess offenders and provide a continuum of community-based sanctions, services, and programs that are designed to reduce recidivism and decrease the county's utilization of imprisonment in a Department of Corrections institution while protecting public safety and holding offenders accountable.

If a county does not reduce utilization of imprisonment in Department of Corrections facilities by offenders convicted of felonies upon request of the grant review committee, the CJC is directed to take action as recommended by the Committee. Those actions include: (1) decline to grant the full grant amount requested by a county; (2) provide technical assistance; (3) withhold approved grant funds; or (4) terminate further distribution of the grant award.

Senate Bill 47 allows the CJC to return a recommendation for remedial action to the Committee for reconsideration.