SB 836 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the DOC to establish a process of regular communication with adults in custody (AIC) participating in an alternative incarceration program regarding program changes. Requires that alternative incarcerations programs be trauma-informed, gender-responsive and available at all DOC facilities. Requires that before the Department of Corrections (DOC) suspends, terminates or takes other specified action regarding an alternative incarceration program, the DOC must consider all other alternative actions. If the DOC does suspend, terminate or take other specified action regarding an alternative incarceration program, requires the DOC to report the the committees of the legislative assembly related to the Judiciary. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to consider all other alternative options before suspending or terminating an alternative incarceration program in its entirety for more than five consecutive days. If the DOC does suspend or terminate an alternative incarceration program, requires the DOC to report to the the committees of the legislative assembly related to the Judiciary within 14 days of the action and requires regular data reporting to same. Eliminates requirement that alternative incarceration programs be available at all DOC facilities.

BACKGROUND:

An alternative incarceration program (AIP) is an intensive prison program for select inmates to address criminal risk factors. Alternative incarceration was established by House Bill 2481 (1993), creating the Summit program. Ten years later, the 2003 Oregon Legislature authorized the Department of Corrections to establish residential AIPs that emphasize intensive alcohol and drug treatment (House Bill 2647).