

SB 497 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

Action Date: 04/13/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 4-2-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher

Exc: 1 - Heard

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the court to ensure that when a person is convicted of certain crimes involving domestic violence, the judgment document reflects that the conviction qualifies as a designated person misdemeanor as defined by the measure. Provides that a county, for purposes of grant-in-aid funding from the Department of Corrections for community corrections, is responsible for supervision, sanctions, and services for offenders convicted of designated person misdemeanors. States that a person convicted of certain designated person misdemeanors qualifies for earned reduction to term of probation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Many counties already require supervision of designated person misdemeanor cases
- Provides more accurate assessment of costs for current supervision levels
- Expanded to include misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence and sexual abuse requiring increased supervision

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Makes technical changes. Removes language stating that justice courts and municipal courts do not have jurisdiction over designated person misdemeanors.

BACKGROUND:

Under current statute, each county, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Corrections, is required to assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions, and services for offenders convicted of felonies or designated drug-related misdemeanors.

Senate Bill 497 A requires counties assume responsibility for community-based supervision for designated domestic violence misdemeanors as well.