

SB 186 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Kropf

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/06/21

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wallan, Wilde

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Approves changes to administrative rules adopted by Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process utilized by Criminal Justice Commission
- 15 sections of administrative rules changed due to statutory modifications
- Sentencing guideline changes due to renaming crime of intimidation to bias crime
- Modifications to guidelines following enactment of Senate Bill 1008 (2019)

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.

Senate Bill 186 approves the administrative rules adjusting the guidelines due to enacted or modified criminal-related measures.