

SB 19 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Levy

House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity**Action Date:** 05/27/21**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed B-Eng).**Vote:** 8-0-0-0**Yeas:** 8 - Cate, Clem, Kropf, Levy, Lively, Prusak, Ruiz, Wallan**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Wenzel Cummings, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 5/18, 5/20, 5/25, 5/27**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Department of Corrections (DOC) to transfer title of the Warner Creek Correctional Facility to Lake County by January 2, 2024. Requires the transfer to occur no later than 180 days after all adults have been transferred to another facility and DOC provides the county with written notice of the closure. Includes in the transfer the state's interest in mineral or geothermal resources and all fixtures installed in the facility except for those fixtures DOC determines are appropriate for transfer to another institution or facility. Permits DOC to withdraw the offer if it is not accepted within 30 days. Requires the county to bear transaction and closing costs, and to provide notice to the Department of Administrative Services of any subsequent sale, transfer, or nongovernmental use of the property for the duration of the period during which any state-issued bonds remain outstanding. Allows the county to amend its land use regulations under certain conditions. Permits DOC to sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of real property sited for construction or operation of a correctional facility. Directs DOC to transfer title of 140 acres of unimproved real property adjacent to the Two Rivers Correctional Institution to the Port of Umatilla by January 1, 2022. Permits DOC to withdraw the offer if it is not accepted within 30 days. Requires the port to bear transaction and closing costs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Governor's decision not to close the prison
- Economic impact on Lake County by prison closure
- Alternative purposes of land adjacent to Two Rivers Correctional Facility by Port of Umatilla
- Repurposing of Warner Creek Correctional Facility following potential closure
- Process by which the state sells state-owned lands

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

The Governor's budget proposal for the 2021-2023 biennium included the closure of three correctional facilities: Mill Creek Correctional Facility in Salem, Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in North Bend, and Warner Creek Correctional Facility in Lakeview. The Governor's Budget cited the closure of these three facilities as the result of a continued decline in the prison population, increased sentence commutations, and success of the Short Term Transitional Leave program. In May 2021, the Governor announced that she would not close the Warner Creek Correctional Facility and would "leave the decision to the next governor."

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The Port of Umatilla sold 280 acres to the state for the construction of the Two Rivers Correctional Facility approximately 20 years ago. The state built the facility on 140 acres of the 280 acres with plans to expand the facility to the remaining 140 acres at a future date. The Department of Corrections has since determined it will not expand the facility to the remaining 140 acres.

Senate Bill 19 B directs the Department of Corrections to transfer title of the Warner Creek Correctional Facility to Lake County once all remaining adults have been transferred to another facility, and land adjacent to the Two Rivers Correctional Institution to the Port of Umatilla by January 1, 2022.