



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Janelle Bynum, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Re: Senate Bill 620

Chair Bynum and members of the committee, I am Jeremiah Stromberg, Assistant Director of the Community Corrections Division for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am writing in support of SB 620.

What the Bill Does:

SB 620 makes discretionary a county's ability to charge and collect supervision fees from adults on supervision.

Background Information:

This past summer, DOC was part of a workgroup where this recommendation was one of a suite of proposed criminal justice reforms. Oregon is not alone in addressing this issue, many other states are proposing similar reforms.

We support counties having the ability to charge supervision fees when appropriate and eliminate them when there is not a need. Some counties utilize an incentive-based model to reduce fees as a positive reward for ongoing compliance with supervision conditions. However, we also recognize for a number of counties, collection of fees remains critical to provide some basic client-focused services, especially in the wake of reduced community corrections funding. This bill gives counties the flexibility to implement a program to match their local need.

Requested Action:

For the reasons explained above, the department respectfully requests your support of SB 620.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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