SB 340 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to study recidivism rates of persons convicted of felony property crimes. Directs CJC to provide results of study no later than December 31, 2024. Sunsets on January 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Provides that trial may be held in any county in which one offense was committed when two or more specified offenses were allegedly committed against the same victim within a 180-day period. Adds crime of organized retail theft to crimes to the repeat property offender statute, authorizing a judge to impose a 24 month prison sentence. Changes time period prosecutor is permitted to aggregate value of stolen property for purposes of proving crime of organized retail theft from 90 days to 180 days. For purposes of stolen property statute, permits prosecutor to aggregate value of multiple thefts against the same or multiple victims within a one-year period. Amends venue statutes to allow defendant accused of committing multiple property crimes in different jurisdictions to be tried for a property crime in any county in which one crime was committed. Amends crime of theft in the first degree to include situation where, during the course of the theft, the individual recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 340 directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to study the recidivism rates of persons convicted of felony property crimes, and to provide the results of the study, including any recommended legislative changes, to the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31, 2024.