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To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 6, 2023

Subject: SB 337 – Relating to public defense
Work Session Recommendations

The measure reforms the public defense system and seeks to address the unrepresented defendant/persons crisis. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage; however, the measure includes various operative dates, including the repeal of select provisions.

The measure appropriates a total of \$42.1 million General Fund, which includes funding for 60 new limited duration and permanent full-time positions (32.68 FTE).

A preliminary staff measure summary, fiscal impact statement, and revenue impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). There is a budget amendment on OLIS that moves the substantive provisions of SB 1093 into the measure as well as appropriates General Fund.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the –B10 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –B10 amendment to SB 337. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 337, as amended by the –B10 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 337, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____