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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to establish, in collaboration with Department of Corrections, Family Preservation Project pilot program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services, Criminal Justice Commission, Department of Corrections

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

The measure directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), in collaboration with the Department of Corrections (DOC), to establish the Family Preservation Project (FPP) pilot program at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility (CCCF), to be administered by the YWCA of Greater Portland. The measure provides an unspecified General Fund appropriation to CJC for the 2023-25 biennium to be distributed to the YWCA of Greater Portland (YWCA) for administering the program.

Under the measure, the FPP shall collaborate with DOC to determine eligible individuals who may receive services from the program. The measure requires DOC to provide YWCA with necessary resources to administer the program at CCCF and requires CJC to collaborate with YWCA on data collection and to provide research and analysis of program data.

CJC, DOC, and representatives of the program shall meet quarterly with DHS, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and the Department of Education (ODE), to discuss and provide updates concerning the implementation and conclusions of the program. Lastly, no later than September 15, 2026, and every two years thereafter, CJC, in consultation with the YWCA and DOC, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the program and report to the Legislature. The program sunsets January 1, 2031. The measure declares an emergency and is effective upon passage.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate due to the unspecified General Fund appropriation. The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that HB 5006 (2021) provided CJC with \$650,000 of one-time General Fund for administering payments to YWCA of Greater Portland for the Family Preservation Project at CCCF. DOC resources support the current program, and as part of the existing contract, the YWCA provides reports every 6 months to CJC, which uses existing resources to distribute the funds and providing analysis of the FPP's performance reports. The current program ends June 30, 2023. If the FPP continues into 2023-25 both DOC and CJC assume existing resources could continue to support the program going forward.

There is a minimal fiscal impact for ODE, DOC, DHS, and OHA.

This measure has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.

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