

SB 344 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/30/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser Blouin, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends sunset date for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's Justice Reinvestment Grant Program in applicable statutes to July 1, 2033.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success stories from programs funded
- Programming highlights and updates
- Progress towards criminal justice reform goals

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Justice Reinvestment Grant Program, created through legislation in 2013, is Oregon's proactive approach to spending resources more effectively by controlling prison growth and investing a portion of the avoided operational prison costs in the state's local public safety systems. Since implementation of the program, the number of adults in custody has decreased by approximately 2,300 individuals and recidivism rates in Oregon have decreased. Under current law, the program sunsets on July 1, 2024.

Senate Bill 344 A extends the sunset date for the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program to July 1, 2033.