

SB 697 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Linthicum

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Minority Report

Action Date: 04/04/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.) Minority

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

Report Signers: Sen. Dennis Linthicum, Sen. Kim Thatcher

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Meeting Dates: 3/2, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to study expungements of arrests, charges, citations and convictions, including the qualifications and procedures for expungements or the sealing or setting aside of records of arrests, charges, citations and convictions in other states. Permits the CJC to hire outside counsel to assist with the study, if necessary. Requires the CJC to provide the results of the study, including any recommended legislative changes, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than January 1, 2025. Appropriates moneys out of the General Fund, in the amount of \$150,000, to the CJC for the purposes of carrying out the study. Repeals the Act on January 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Incarceration does not block expungement
- Expungement can be difficult to access

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 697 MRA directs the CJC to study expungements of arrests, charges, citations and convictions, including qualifications and procedures for expungements or the sealing or setting aside records, requires the CJC to report the study to the Legislative Assembly, and appropriates moneys out of the General Fund, in the amount of \$150,000, to the CJC.