

SB 211 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Morgan

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/04/23

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-0-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Andersen, Bynum, Conrad, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Reynolds, Tran, Wallan

Exc: 1 - Chaichi

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals the January 2, 2026, sunset on the requirement for the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide basic certification training of DOC corrections officers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- DOC collaboration with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)
- Keeping training with DOC has a neutral fiscal; moving it back to DPSST would have a cost
- Six locations around Oregon deliver these trainings, which allows for significant cost savings on travel and lodging
- DOC specializes in training based on the needs of positions that work in prisons
- Retention has been higher and recruitment process more efficient
- Comparing the efficacy of DOC vs DPSST programs
- Oversight and standards set by DPSST
- Reasons for drug smuggling into prisons

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Laws 2009, chapter 885, section 44 directed the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide training for basic certification for corrections officers employed by the DOC, instead of the training being provided by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). It directed DPSST to conduct periodic audits of the training provided by DOC, to ensure compliance with the standards adopted by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, and it allowed DPSST to accredit the training. This training directive was time limited from 2009 to 2014, and in 2013 the end date was extended from the year 2014 to 2026.

Senate Bill 211 would repeal the sunset on the DOC corrections officer training pilot program and allow DOC to continue to provide basic certification training to DOC corrections officers.