

75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2009 Regular Session
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: HB 3508-B

Carrier – House: Rep. Shields
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 19 – 2 – 1

House – Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields
– Nays: G. Smith
– Exc: Richardson
Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters
– Nays: Girod
– Exc:

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shall resentence after notice to the state, the victim, and the offenders. If the District Attorney and the Courts do not object to the early release, the resentencing would be an expedited process that would allow the court to authorize the sentence without a hearing. If the District Attorney or the Courts contest the early release, a more formal process would need to be undertaken. The process of resentencing will result in additional cost to the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) and Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC). There will be approximately 4,500 offenders affected by this provision and it is not known how many of these offenders may go through the expedited process and how many may go through the contested case process. If the costs are significant, the agencies affected by this bill may require a budget adjustment, by the current Legislature, the Emergency Board, or a future Legislature, if the agency's budgeted resources prove insufficient to cover the actual cost of this measure.

Phase-In of Measure 57

Estimated Savings \$25,500,000

This bill would continue the application of Measure 57 until February 15, 2010 and then Measure 57 will be suspended until January 1, 2012. Increased sanctions would still apply to those committing fraud on the elderly, delivery of a controlled substance to a minor or those who sell significant quantities of a controlled substance. The estimated savings are net of expenses associated with incarceration and programming costs for M57 offenders sentenced before February 15, 2010 and \$10.0 million that will be distributed to community corrections programs for alcohol and drug treatment programs and increased sanctions. The presumptive sentence for repeat property offenders is currently 18 and 24 months, depending on the particular property crime. In addition, the bill requires that the District Attorneys Association report to the Criminal Justice Commission on the application of the provisions of Measure 57.

Probation Revocation

Estimated Savings \$9,800,000

Under current law, if an offender on probation for a felony violates the terms of the probation, they may have their probation revoked and sentenced up to 180 days in jail. This bill would set the maximum jail time at 60 days unless the offender committed a new crime. Savings result from lower community corrections costs. Sunsets 7/1/2011.

Active and Inactive Probation Status

Estimated Savings \$5,100,000

This bill would set the minimum amount of time an offender must serve under active supervision. An offender may be transitioned to inactive supervision or remain on active supervision depending upon the offender's compliance with their terms of probation supervision, employment status, treatment program outcomes, and the status of the offenders meeting court ordered monetary obligations. The Department of Corrections will adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section, including a description of the manner in which persons may be placed on inactive probation and returned to active status. Community corrections departments would not be paid for offenders on inactive status. The Department of Correction's (DOC) community corrections grants assumes \$8.11 per day for each offender on probation supervision and shortening the length of time on probation supervision for offenders who comply with their conditions of release will result in fewer days assumed in these community corrections grants. Sunsets 7/1/2011.

Inactive Local Control Post-Prison Supervision Status

Estimated Savings \$1,100,000

This bill would set the minimum amount of time an offender must serve under active supervision. An offender may be transitioned to inactive supervision or remain on active supervision depending upon the offender's compliance with their terms of post-prison supervision, employment status, treatment program outcomes, and the status of the offenders meeting court ordered monetary obligations. Community corrections departments would not be paid for offenders on inactive status. The Department of Correction's (DOC) community corrections grants assumes

\$12.34 per day for each offender on probation supervision and shortening the length of time on probation supervision for offenders who comply with their conditions of release will result in fewer days assumed in these community corrections grants. Sunsets 7/1/2011.

ICE Detainers

Estimated Savings \$2,100,000

Streamlines the commutation process for inmates subject to a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Order, incarcerated for a nonviolent felony and who have agreed not to object to deportation. This would apply to inmates that have six months or less to serve on their sentences. The bill would also require the appointment of counsel for the purpose of advising the offender regarding the waiver of statutory or constitutional rights. Sunsets 7/1/2011.

Assault in the Third Degree

Estimated Cost \$100,000

This bill would increase the penalty for assault in the third degree where the assault resulted from the defendant driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUI), from a Class C felony to a Class B felony with a crime seriousness level of 8, which would result in a prison sentence of 27 months. Currently this crime would be prosecuted as a Class C felony with a crime seriousness level of 6 which would result in a prison sentence of 22 months. On average, a Class B felony with a crime seriousness level of 8 results in a prison sentence 46% of the time and a Class C felony with a crime seriousness level of 6 results in a prison sentence 30% of the time. This bill would likely result in more prison sentences for a longer period of time. This bill would likely result in the need for one additional prison bed at a cost of \$63,509 in 2009. The full effect of the bill would not be seen until 2013-15. The Public Defense Services Commission estimates an additional 100 cases per year translating into \$37,000 per year in additional costs to the agency.

Crime of Kidnapping

Estimated Cost Unknown

This bill expands the crime of kidnapping in the first degree to include kidnapping with the purpose of committing a sex crime against a victim who is under the age of 12 years old. Under current law this crime would most likely be charged as a Kidnapping 2, a class B felony, with a sentence of 70 months (5 years and 10 months). This bill would change the crime to Kidnapping 1, a class A felony, with a sentence of 300 months (25 years). The fiscal impact of this bill would not be seen until after the offender had served 5 years and 10 months and started serving the additional sanction of 18 years and two months.

Parole Hearings

Estimated Cost Unknown

This bill allows the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (BPPPS) to hold parole hearings in other than two year increments under certain circumstances. Offenders may have a cause for action in cases where their parole hearing has been put off for more than two years. The number of cases that may be filed with the courts is not known, but this population is known for filing actions and it is certain this will increase the number of cases filed with the courts and increase the cost to defend the actions in court.

Appropriation

House Bill 3508 appropriates \$8.1 million for a targeted enforcement program for the Oregon State Police for improving public safety. The Subcommittee approved this to add 39 troopers to the Patrol Division to conduct performance-based enforcement on Oregon's highways. Accident and fatality incident patterns will be used to maximize the effectiveness of these resources. The cost of the package is \$8.1 million and includes 39 positions (35.88 FTE). This amount assumes that 20 troopers will be added in August of 2009 and the remaining 19 being added in October 2009.

The bill also provides for a \$100 assessment of persons convicted of drug offenses. This \$100 is to be paid to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission account for disbursement to drug court programs. It is not clear how many of these assessments may be collected from offenders. The assessment would be in addition to any other fines, restitution, or fees that may be assessed to an offender.