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Bill Title: Relating to public safety; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Criminal Justice Commission, Department of Corrections

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Criminal Justice Commission	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	1	1.00
Department of Corrections	\$ 421,345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 421,345	2	1.76
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,621,345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,621,345	3	2.76

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Criminal Justice Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Department of Corrections	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure requires the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to establish a legal services program for adults in custody (AIC) at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The program would need to assist AIC’s by providing legal services to help them reenter and reintegrate into local communities, reduce vulnerability to domestic violence, obtain employment, housing services, and any other legal issue the AIC may be facing.

The measure also makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1.2 million to CJC for distribution as grants to the Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC) to carry out the legal services program at Coffee Creek. The measure creates a reporting requirement for CJC and OJRC to evaluate the operations and success of the program and report to the Legislative Assembly related to corrections by September 15, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$1.6 million General Fund and three positions (2.76 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium.

Criminal Justice Commission

The estimated fiscal impact on CJC is a one-time \$1.2 million General Fund appropriation and one position (1.00 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium.

CJC anticipates the need of a permanent full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 2 (1.00 FTE in 2025-27) to undertake the initial development and administration of this grant project due to the existing workload and grants CJC is required to process. This includes quarterly tracking of expenditures and project progress, providing technical assistance and liaison work for grant recipients, and analyzing program data for reports back to the Legislature. The estimated costs of this position, including standard position-related services and supplies costs, is \$285,680 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. Presuming funding of this position, that would leave approximately \$1 million General Fund to be dispersed as grant payments to OJRC for legal services.

The 2025-27 Governor's budget recommendation for CJC contains Policy Option Package 101 which includes an Operations and Policy Analyst 2 position that would be performing work similar to the work required under this measure. Should this measure pass, that Policy Option Package request will be modified to no longer reflect the need for this position.

Department of Corrections

The estimated fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections (DOC) is \$421,345 General Fund and two positions (1.76 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium.

DOC currently provides services that support re-entry for AIC's, including assisting with basic needs like housing, employment, and medical and mental health care. DOC anticipates that the program created by this bill will work in conjunction with existing DOC re-entry and release programs and additional staff support is needed to assist with the additional work done by OJRC. These positions include: one full-time limited duration Office Specialist 2 (0.88 FTE in 2025-27) to assist in scheduling OJRC professional calls, AIC callouts, and to provide escorts for professional visits inside the institution and one full-time limited duration Correctional Officer (0.88 FTE in 2025-27) to provide security escort and security duties for visits. The estimated cost of these positions, including standard position-related services and supplies costs, is \$421,345 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The provision relating to the creation of the legal services program and reporting requirement is repealed on December 31, 2027.