2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 385 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Creates pilot grant program for county resource centers for post-prison supervision.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Corrections
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	2009-2011	2011-2013
EXPENDITURES:		
See Analysis.		

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: This bill would create a pilot program to fund resource centers in Multnomah, Marion, Lane, Jackson counties and one county in Eastern Oregon. The Department of Corrections (DOC) would administer this pilot and make grants to the participating counties. These resource centers would provide a wide range of services to offenders released on parole or post-prison supervision. These services may include, but are not limited to the following: alcohol and drug assessment and treatment; food and clothing; housing; employment; state identification; family and community support; and medical, dental and mental health evaluation and referral.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. For example, it is very difficult to determine which services may be provided by the resource center, at some cost to the state, and which services may be provided by referral at no additional cost or a lesser cost, to the state. In addition, it is not clear if the resource centers will provide services to all offenders released to that particular county or if it should be those offenders who are most likely to reoffend. If the population served by these resource centers was limited to those with serious alcohol and drug issues, and if the resource centers are expected to pay for the services, DOC has estimated the costs at approximately $10.5 million per biennium. The number of offenders that would meet these criteria in 2008 was 107 in Jackson County, 274 in Lane County, 358 in Marion County, 632 in Multnomah County, and 276 in all eastern counties. Some of the services the resource centers would offer overlap with service provided by community corrections. The bill would also require the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to contract for a scientifically valid evaluation of the pilot program. CJC estimates that cost of this study would be between $250,000 and $400,000.