

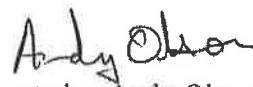
### Statement on HB 3194

HB 3194 makes significant changes to Oregon criminal justice policy. It is important to give these changes a chance to work. State forecasting models predict that under HB 3194, the prison population will drop in the 2013-2015 biennium and not approach its current population until mid-2018. In addition, our reinvestments in proven programs that focus on reentry and prevention are expected to reduce recidivism and initial victimization which should produce even further bed savings beyond what we have the ability to forecast.

Based on these forecasts, we will avoid additional construction of corrections facilities and also avoid an expansion of temporary and emergency beds within the Department of Corrections over the next five years. By avoiding those costs we will have accomplished one of the primary goals of the 2012 Commission on Public Safety. Assuming our forecasts hold true, the prison population should remain below 15,200 through 1/1/2018. If all of these assumptions prove to be correct, and barring any judicial invalidation of HB 3194 in whole or in part, then for the next several years we do not foresee a need to pursue recommendations of the Commission on Public Safety beyond those encompassed in HB 3194, except as may be accomplished through collaboration with law enforcement stakeholders. We look forward to the work of the Task Force on Public Safety (established in HB 3194), particularly in the area of juvenile criminal justice. Our preference will be to focus our efforts on rebuilding a more collaborative relationship between the Legislature and its local law enforcement partners. In doing this work we will realize the potential to produce agreements on measured improvements to our system of incarcerating adults and juveniles.



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