

SB 992 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/04/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Fagan, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes pilot program through Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to provide permanent supportive housing for individuals recently released from custody. Specifies purpose of pilot is to reduce recidivism, increase housing stability, and reduce use of emergency room and inpatient services. Specifies program requirements, including at least 36 months of supportive housing for adults released from custody within prior six months who need housing, are at a medium to very high risk of recidivating, and have at least six months of post-prison supervision remaining. Specifies preference should be given to individuals who are ineligible for federal housing resources due to criminal history. Requires grant recipient to track objectively measurable data regarding recidivism rates, housing stability, and use of emergency rooms and inpatient services. Requires grant recipient to report at least annually on goals, accounting of moneys received through grant, and explanation of how that money was spent. Requires CJC to report to interim committee related to judiciary no later than September 15, 2021. Appropriates \$3,200,000 from General Fund for administering pilot program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Successes with "housing first" models
- Desire to study recidivism rates when housing and services provided
- Requirements of program participants

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, Lane County was awarded \$1,300,000 in grants to develop a "housing first" model to study housing outcomes and criminal re-offense rates. The partnership of local service providers and Lane County Parole and Probation is called The Way Home, which is seeking additional funding to support and expand the program.

Senate Bill 992 A creates a pilot program through the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) that provides housing and wraparound services to recently released offenders who are at high or medium risk of re-offending. Priority for housing is given to individuals who are ineligible for federal housing assistance due to their convictions. The housing and services must be provided for a period of 36 months. The measure requires grant recipients to track measurable outcomes, such as recidivism rates, use of hospital beds, and housing stability. A report to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to judiciary is required by September 15, 2021. The measure appropriates \$3,200,000 from the General Fund for the pilot.