

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Corrections Oregon's Prison Footprint

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gorsek

On March 1st, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Corrections on Oregon's prison system.

As was requested in a budget note in SB 5723 from last summer, The Department of Corrections has assessed the state's prison system and submitted a comprehensive report detailing conditions and operations at each of Oregon's prisons. The report includes information on prison population demographics, how siting decisions for Oregon's prisons were made, prison bed capacity, and other relevant facts to support legislative decision-making about the maintenance and operation of the state's prison facilities.

An appendix to the report provides an-depth look at the operation and functionality of DOC's current facilities, as well as financial estimates of the agency's strategic and aspirational goals for better health care, mental health, and geriatric facilities for adults in custody, and improvements to existing facilities benefiting both adults in custody and DOC staff.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.