

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 235 - 1

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Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: April 5, 2021**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Corrections to develop plan for providing equipment, connectivity and infrastructure necessary to ensure that adults in custody in Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and Snake River Correctional Institution have online access to certain education programs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections (DOC), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact - Department of Corrections (DOC):

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	560,468	1,531,455
Services and Supplies	530,329	135,918
Total General Fund	\$1,090,797	\$1,667,373
Positions	9	9
FTE	5.42	9.00

Analysis:

SB 235 with -1 amendment requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to develop a plan for providing the equipment, connectivity and infrastructure necessary to ensure that adults in custody in the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and the Snake River Correctional Institution have online access to the adult basic skills development program, the professional and technical program, and educational programs that provide college credit, a college degree, a college certification, and industry-recognized certification or license or an apprentice. The measure requires DOC to submit this plan to the Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2021. DOC must ensure that all adults in custody in the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and the Snake River Correctional Institution have online access to these adult basic skills development program, professional and technical programs, and educational programs by September 1, 2022. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 legislative session adjourns sine die.

Department of Corrections (DOC)

DOC estimates the fiscal impact of providing adults in custody in the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and the Snake River Correctional Institution online access to the adult basic skills development program, the professional and technical program, and educational programs to be \$1,090,797 General Fund, 9 positions, 5.42 FTE for the 2021-23 biennium; and \$1,667,373 General Fund, 9 positions, 9.00 FTE for the 2023-25 biennium. These cost projections assume providing access to 350 adults in custody (AIC) at 2 institutions, 5 evenings a week, and minimal wiring to add wireless capability only to existing classrooms and not throughout the institutions. The cost projections also include 350 laptops and docking stations, as well as 5 administrative and 4 information technology staff positions.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Public Universities, Community Colleges

Passage of this measure is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact for HECC, community colleges, and public universities. Potential costs are related to information technology upgrades, including modifying firewall configurations, in order to comply with the provisions of this measure.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for the consideration of General Fund impact and position authority.