

SB 19 A -8 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Corrections to transfer title of the Warner Creek Correctional Facility to Lake County. Requires the transfer to occur no later than 180 days after all adults have been transferred to another facility and the Department provides the county with written notice of the closure. Includes in the transfer the state's interest in mineral or geothermal resources and all fixtures installed in the facility except for those fixtures the Department determines are appropriate for transfer to another institution or facility. Permits the Department to withdraw the offer if it is not accepted within 30 days. Requires the county to bear transaction and closing costs, and to provide notice to the Department of Administrative Services of any subsequent sale, transfer, or nongovernmental use of the property for the duration of the period during which any state-issued bonds remain outstanding. Allows the county to amend its land use regulations under certain conditions. Permits the Department of Corrections to sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of real property sited for construction or operation of a correctional facility.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Governor's decision not to close the prison
- Economic impact on Lake County by prison closure
- Repurposing of building following potential closure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-8 Directs the Department of Corrections to transfer title of 140 acres of unimproved real property adjacent to the Two Rivers Correctional Institution to the Port of Umatilla by January 1, 2022. Permits the Department to withdraw the offer if it is not accepted within 30 days. Requires the port to bear transaction and closing costs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

The Governor's budget proposal for the 2021-23 biennium includes the closure of three correctional facilities. Mill Creek Correctional Facility in Salem is expected to be closed by July 2021. Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in North Bend is expected to be closed by January 2022. Warner Creek Correctional Facility in Lakeview is expected to be closed by July 2022. The Governor's Budget cites the closure of these three facilities as the result of a continued decline in the prison population, increased sentence commutations, and success of the Short Term Transitional Leave program. The closures are projected to save \$42.7 million (General Fund) during the 2021-23 biennium and would avoid future maintenance costs.

Senate Bill 19 A directs the Department of Corrections to transfer title of the Warner Creek Correctional Facility to Lake County.

Senate Vote: Passed. Ayes, 28; Excused, 2--Frederick, Heard.

FISCAL: Costs related to the measure are indeterminate

REVENUE: No revenue impact

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.