

SB 207 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

Action Date: 03/01/21

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 3 - Heard, Linthicum, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/9, 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Office of Governor for purpose of funding office of Corrections Ombudsman.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Corrections Ombudsman position
- Independence from Department of Corrections
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The office of Corrections Ombudsman is established in the Office of the Governor under ORS 423.400. The duties and authorities of the Corrections Ombudsman include the power to investigate, to adopt rules and procedures for receiving and processing complaints, to subpoena records, to enter and inspect premises within Department of Corrections jurisdiction, and to bring suit in the Circuit Court of Marion County as necessary to enforce the duties of the position as listed in ORS 423.400-423.450.

Senate Bill 207 appropriates money to the Office of the Governor for purposes of funding the office of the Corrections Ombudsman.