FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Modifies crime of interfering with a peace officer or parole and probation officer.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

District Attorneys and their Deputies (DAs), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC), Oregon State Police (OSP), Department of Justice (DOJ), Counties, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 3164 with the -2 amendment modifies the crime of interfering with a police officer by excluding failure to obey a lawful order. The measure provides that a person may not be arrested or charged with interfering with a peace officer or parole and probation officer for conduct that would constitute any other criminal offense, and prevents a person from being charged with interfering with a peace officer of a parole and probation officer if that person is being arrested for or charged with another offense based on the same conduct.

Oregon Judicial Department

The Oregon Judicial Department estimates a minimal fiscal impact from this measure. Because the changes to the current law may lead to a change in law enforcement arrests for the crime of interfering with a police officer, OJD may need to allocate resources to creating or modifying law file entries and related judgment forms in the department's case management system. OJD anticipates that it could absorb these costs within existing resources.

Oregon State Police (OSP)

This measure would have a minimal fiscal impact on OSP. The agency would need to inform officers of this law change through regular training updates or training bulletins.

Counties

There may be a minimal fiscal impact to the counties under this measure due to the speculative change in law enforcement arrests for the crime of interfering with a police officer.

District Attorneys and their Deputies, the Public Defense Services Commission, the Department of Justice, and the cities do not anticipate a fiscal impact from this measure.