

SB 47 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

Action Date: 04/12/21
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 4-2-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski
Nays: 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher
Exc: 1 - Heard
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 1/26, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies remedial action procedures when county participating in Justice Reinvestment Program does not reduce utilization of imprisonment in Department of Corrections facilities. Allows the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to return a recommendation for remedial action by the Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee to the committee for reconsideration. Requires Justice Reinvestment Program to serve underserved populations in an equitable manner. Creates requirement that 15 percent of funds under the Program be devoted to culturally responsive services. Defines culturally responsive services. Adds defense attorney and two people with lived experience to the membership of committee. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of culturally responsive services
- Measurement of outcomes
- Examples of culturally specific services

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Requires Justice Reinvestment Program to serve underserved populations in an equitable manner. Creates requirement that 15 percent of funds under the Program be devoted to culturally responsive services. Defines culturally responsive services. Adds two people with lived experience to the Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee membership. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

In consultation with the Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee, the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) administers the Justice Reinvestment Program funds appropriated to the CJC for purposes of the program. The CJC awards grants to counties that establish a process to assess offenders and provide a continuum of community-based sanctions, services, and programs that are designed to reduce recidivism and decrease the county's utilization of imprisonment in a Department of Corrections institution while protecting public safety and holding offenders accountable.

If a county does not reduce utilization of imprisonment in Department of Corrections facilities by offenders convicted of felonies upon request of the grant review committee, the CJC is directed to take action as recommended by the committee. Those actions include: (1) decline to grant the full grant amount requested by a county; (2) provide technical assistance to the county; (3) withhold approved grant funds; or (4) terminate further distribution of the grant award.

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Senate Bill 47 A allows the CJC to return a recommendation for remedial action to the Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee for reconsideration. Additionally, the measure requires that 15 percent of the program funds be devoted to culturally responsive services.