SB 19 B* STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Burdick

Conference Committee On SB 19

Action Date:	06/22/21
Action:	Senate concur in House Amendments dated 06-07, further amend and repass.
Senate Vote	
Yeas:	2 - Boquist, Burdick
House Vote	
Yeas:	3 - Clem, Lively, Reschke
Fiscal:	Fiscal impact issued
Revenue:	No revenue impact
Prepared By:	Chris Allanach, Legislative Revenue Officer
Meeting Dates:	6/18, 6/21, 6/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Corrections (DOC) to transfer title of the Warner Creek Correctional Facility to Lake County no later than 180 days after all adults have been transferred to another facility and DOC 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 DOC determines are appropriate for transfer to another institution or facility. Permits DOC 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. Allows the Department of Corrections to partition the real property including and adjacent to the Two Rivers correctional Institution to create a parcel of roughly 140 acres of unimproved real property. Allows the Department so sell, exchange, lease, gift, or otherwise dispose of the property. If asked, the Department of Administrative Services shall assist with the disposition of the property. Repeals provisions on January 2, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Property previously transferred from the Port of Umatilla
- Other examples of property transfers
- Opportunity for industrial development at the Port of Umatilla

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies the conditions under which the Department of Corrections may transfer property related to the Two Rivers Correctional Institution. Allows the Department of Corrections to partition the real property including and adjacent to the Two Rivers correctional Institution to create a parcel of roughly 140 acres of unimproved real property. Allows the Department so sell, exchange, lease, gift, or otherwise dispose of the property. If asked, the Department of Administrative Services shall assist with the disposition of the property.

BACKGROUND:

The Governor's Budget for the 2021-2023 biennium included the closure of three correctional facilities: Mill Creek Correctional Facility in Salem, Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in North Bend, and Warner Creek Correctional Facility in Lakeview. She attributed the closure of these facilities to a continued decline in the prison population, increased sentence commutations, and success of the Short Term Transitional Leave program. In May 2021, the Governor announced that she would not close the Warner Creek Correctional Facility.

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The Port of Umatilla sold 280 acres to the state for the construction of the Two Rivers Correctional Facility approximately 20 years ago. The state built the facility on 140 acres of the 280 acres with plans to expand the facility to the remaining 140 acres at a future date. The Department of Corrections has since determined it will not expand the facility to the remaining 140 acres.