



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Janelle Bynum, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Re: Senate Bill 836

Co-Chair Bynum and members of the committee, I am Dawnell Meyer, Behavioral Health Services Administrator for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am providing written testimony on the anticipated impacts of Senate Bill (SB) 836 as it relates to the department.

What the Bill Does:

The bill directs DOC to consider all other alternatives before suspending, terminating, or taking other specified action concerning alternative incarceration programs (AIP).

The dash-two amendment removed the requirements to have AIP available at all DOC facilities and changed the requirement for DOC to submit a report whenever “any” AIP participant release date was impacted to “all” participants. The -A3 amendment requires the department to provide the report to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees within 30 days of suspending or terminating a program or taking other action.

We have met with the bill sponsor on two occasions to discuss concerns and amendments. With the -A3 amendments, the department anticipates a minimal fiscal impact, as workload can be completed with existing staff and resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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