

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 211**

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Measure Description:

Repeals sunset on requirement for Department of Corrections to provide training for basic certification of corrections officers employed by department.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

The measure repeals the sunset of the provision requiring the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide training for basic certification to correctional officers employed by DOC. The measure is effective January 1, 2024.

HB 3199 (2009) directed DOC to develop and deliver basic training for correctional officers who are hired on or after August 4, 2009, and before January 2, 2026 which removed the training responsibility from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). DOC certification training is subject to periodic audits by DPSST to ensure the training meets or exceeds minimum training standards for basic certification of corrections officers employed by other law enforcement units. Current law sunsets this provision January 2, 2026 and will require DOC to stop providing training in-house and require DPSST to resume training at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

While DPSST currently provides correctional officer training to local law enforcement entities, the resumption of DOC corrections officer training would create a fiscal impact for both entities. Currently, DOC corrections officers undergo training regionally, at the facility in which they will be employed, receiving important on-the-job training opportunities that DPSST cannot provide through the Academy setting.

To resume training at the Academy, DPSST would have cost increases to provide training staff, housing, and training facility resources that are already at capacity with the many other training programs DPSST provides. Adding DOC corrections officer classes to the DPSST schedule would likely result in some other classes needing to be delayed or removed from the schedule. For DOC, there would be additional costs in providing travel for approximately 270 correctional officers who do not reside near the DPSST training facility to attend the program and require additional post-academy training at the correctional facility where the officer will be employed.

By removing the sunset provision, the measure would allow DOC to continue current practice of training correctional officers in-house, DPSST would continue with the current auditing program, and there would be no fiscal impact to either agency because these responsibilities are currently assumed within agency resources.