

HB 2178 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires state agency budget requests provide an analysis of the extent to which goods and services the agency plans to procure in the next biennium that can be acquired from work programs of the Department of Corrections or Oregon Corrections Enterprises. Requires the agency to consult with these agencies when conducting the analysis.

FIS: *Fiscal statement issued*

RIS: *No revenue impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Employment and job skills programs at the Department of Corrections and Oregon Corrections Enterprises
- Benefits of employment and job skills programs in correctional facilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Ballot Measure 17 (1994) mandates that adults in custody in Oregon's correctional facilities receive meaningful work experience or receive on-the-job training for 40 hours a week. In 1999, Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) was established through the passage of Ballot Measure 68 with the purpose of helping Department of Corrections (DOC) meet this requirement.

OCE is as a semi-independent state agency, whose mission is to promote public safety by providing adults in custody with work and training opportunities in a self-sustaining organization. OCE offers training and work opportunities to adults in DOC custody in manufacturing, digital and technology fields, and industry trades. Products and services state agencies and others can purchase from OCE include laundry services, wood and metal products, call center services, printing and mail services, clothing and signage. Although Oregon does not require state government agencies to purchase goods and services from the OCE, in 2022 they reported that 22 percent of their \$31.2 million in net sales were state agency purchases.

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