

SB 211 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/02/23

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser Blouin, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/16, 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals the January 2, 2026, sunset on the requirement for the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide basic certification training of DOC corrections officers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- DOC has been providing training since 2009
- Hiring times have been reduced, travel costs have been reduced, creating tailored curricula is more efficient
- Audit and oversight by DPSST is robust
- DPSST will remain the certifying agency, while DOC will continue to develop and administer the training

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Laws 2009, chapter 885, section 44 directed the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide training for basic certification for corrections officers employed by the DOC, instead of the training being provided by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). DPSST was directed to conduct periodic audits of the training provided by DOC, to ensure compliance with the standards adopted by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, and allowed DPSST to accredit the training. This training directive was time limited from 2009 to 2014, and in 2013 the end date was extended from the year 2014 to 2026.

Senate Bill 211 would repeal the sunset on the DOC corrections officer training pilot program and allow DOC to continue to provide basic certification training to DOC corrections officers.