

**SB 698 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Thatcher

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

**Minority Report**

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**Action Date:** 04/04/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.) Minority

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Report Signers:** Sen. Kim Thatcher, Sen. Dennis Linthicum

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/2, 4/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to study the sealing of records of arrests, charges, citations and convictions, including the qualifications and procedures for the sealing or setting aside of records of arrests, charges, citations and convictions in other states. Permits the CJC to hire outside counsel to assist with the study, if necessary. Requires the CJC to provide the results of the study, including any recommended legislative changes, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than January 1, 2025. Appropriates moneys out of the General Fund, in the amount of \$150,000, to the CJC for the purposes of carrying out the study. Repeals the Act on January 2, 2025.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Not all criminal records are electronic
- Incarceration status is not a bar to automatic expungement
- How will victims be notified

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 698 MRA directs the CJC to study the sealing of records of arrests, charges, citations and convictions, including qualifications and procedures for the sealing or setting aside of records, requires the CJC to report the study to the Legislative Assembly, and appropriates moneys out of the General Fund, in the amount of \$150,000, to the CJC.