



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Establishes Oregon Public Defense Commission within judicial branch. Specifies appointment process for and qualification of commission members and duties of executive director and commission. Abolishes Public Defense Services Commission and transfers duties, functions and powers of commission to Oregon Public Defense Commission.

Transfers Oregon Public Defense Commission to executive branch effective January 1, 2025. Provides that Governor appoints executive director of commission, and executive director and commission members serve at pleasure of Governor until July 1, 2027. Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to issue state public defense population forecasts.

Directs Oregon Public Defense Commission to conduct survey and economic analysis to calculate minimum hourly pay for appointed counsel who are not employed by commission for contracts entered beginning July 1, 2027. Specifies required percentage of trial-level appointed counsel who must be employees of commission by January 1, 2031, and January 1, 2035. Effective July 1, 2025, directs commission to establish panel of qualified counsel who may be directly assigned to cases. Specifies types of contracts commission may enter into for purposes of providing public defense services. Provides that commission members appoint executive director of commission beginning July 1, 2027.

Directs Oregon Public Defense Commission to provide, to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary, no later than May 15, 2024, comprehensive report on plan for providing public defense services. Directs commission to provide updated report on December 1, 2025, December 1, 2026, and December 1, 2027, and biennially thereafter until January 2, 2036.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

NOTICE OF NO OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT