



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: House Bill 3275

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee, I am Jeremiah Stromberg, Assistant Director of the Community Corrections Division for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here in support of HB 3275.

What the Bill Does:

The purpose of the bill is to amend statute to ensure all probation cases funded for supervision by the Legislature continue to be supervised regardless of whether a county or the Department of Corrections is responsible for the supervision.

In 1997, Senate Bill 1145 made counties the default for all parole and probation functions. However, an opt out clause was included that allows counties to return supervision to the Department of Corrections if the Legislature does not “fully fund” community corrections in accordance with the DOC funding formula. Statute also made clear that if a county opted out, the State was only responsible for felony cases, as only felony cases were funded at that time.

Since 1997, certain misdemeanors have been added to the funding formula. This includes certain drug, domestic violence assault, and sex offenses. As these cases are funded by the Legislature, it is expected DOC would also supervise these misdemeanor cases should a county opt-out. In fact, DOC has oversight of Linn and Douglas counties, and DOC has assured the courts that DOC does supervise any misdemeanor cases funded by the Legislature.

Impact of the Bill:

Support of this bill would result in aligning statute with today’s supervision and funding practices. It does not contain a fiscal impact; does not result in any new penalties for any crimes; and ensures consistency in supervision between DOC and the counties.

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