

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Corrections Substance Use Disorder Pilot and Drugs in Prison

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

On February 20th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Corrections on the status of implementation of a substance use disorder pilot program and operation of two K-9 units.

The Department of Corrections report indicates the programs are still in the initial stages and have not yet been implemented. DOC has purchased the dogs and is onboarding two K-9 handlers to begin training together in March. The Department has completed development of all substance use disorder program materials and is recruiting for the clinical staff positions. Wastewater testing will begin in March and provide baseline data collection to compare before and after the programs are initiated.

In the meantime, DOC has worked to identify space at the pilot institutions for the expanded substance use disorder treatment and has utilized local law enforcement K-9 units in a targeted search at the Oregon State Penitentiary.

The Department is directed to provide a follow-up status report on the substance use disorder pilot, K-9 units, and wastewater testing to the Emergency Board prior to November 2024.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.