

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
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BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to serve as the Director of the Department of Corrections, subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointee

Michael Reese of Salem

Term

Four years and at the pleasure of the Governor

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 423.075 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Duties and Authority

The Director exercises supervision and control of the Department of Corrections (DOC) and provides for the effective and efficient delivery of services assigned to it.

The DOC must:³

- supervise its institutions, parole and probation services, community corrections and other functions related to corrections;
- carry out legally mandated sanctions for the punishment of persons committed to its jurisdiction by the courts of this state;
- exercise custody over persons sentenced to incarceration until lawfully released;
- provide adequate food, clothing, health and medical care, sanitation and security for persons confined;
- provide persons who are motivated, capable and cooperative with opportunities for self-improvement and work;
- conduct investigations and prepare reports for release authorities; and,
- supervise persons sentenced or placed in the community in accordance with conditions of supervision ordered by the release authority.

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 423.020 \(2023\)](#).

The Director must:⁴

- with the approval of the Governor, organize DOC in whatever manner necessary to conduct DOC work;
- appoint all subordinate superintendents, officers and employees, prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation;
- delegate responsibilities and authority to DOC employees; and
- provide for the safety of all prisoners in DOC custody and adopt rules for the administration of DOC.

The Director must also:

- appoint the Administrator of Correctional Education with authority over statewide corrections education programs;⁵
- adopt rules for the administration of community corrections funds;
- maintain a directory of rehabilitative programs of each county;⁶
- serve as an ex officio nonvoting member on the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision,⁷ serve as a member of the Criminal Justice Information Standards Advisory Board⁸ and on the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, and be an advisor to the Advisory Commission on Prison Terms and Parole Standards;⁹
- designate staff to provide technical assistance to local governments for the planning and operation of local correctional facilities, lockups, temporary holds and juvenile detention facilities, and advice on provisions of state law;¹⁰
- publish a manual of recommended guidelines for the operation of local correctional facilities and lockups as developed by a jail standards committee;¹¹
- assign or appoint an administrator for Oregon Corrections Enterprises;¹² and,
- establish forest work camps in state forests recommended by the State Board of Forestry, at which adults in custody may be employed.¹³

⁴ [ORS 423.075 \(2023\)](#)

⁵ [ORS 423.085 \(2023\)](#)

⁶ [ORS 135.980 \(2023\)](#)

⁷ [ORS 144.005 \(2023\)](#)

⁸ [ORS 181A.275 \(2023\)](#)

⁹ [ORS 144.775 \(2023\)](#)

¹⁰ [ORS 169.070 \(2023\)](#)

¹¹ [ORS 169.090 \(2023\)](#)

¹² [ORS 421.344 \(2023\)](#)

¹³ [ORS 421.455 \(2023\)](#)

