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Bill Title: Relating to funding for staffing workforce reentry programs; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Employment Department, Department of Corrections, Counties

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Employment Department	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	11	9.68
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	11	9.68

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Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure includes a one-time appropriation of \$3 million General Fund to the Oregon Employment Department (OED) for staffing workforce reentry programs for adults in custody delivered through the WorkSource Oregon program.

Fiscal Analysis

WorkSource Oregon is a statewide partnership with OED and state, local, and nonprofit agencies to provide employment and training services to job seekers and employers in Oregon. WorkSource Oregon began providing workforce reentry services at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution in October 2022 and later expanded to the Warner Creek Correctional Facility in March 2023. Currently, workforce reentry services are only provided at these two facilities, though OED does not have any staff presence at Warner Creek. Although the measure does not specify how services would be administered, the \$3 million appropriation in the measure is sufficient to enable WorkSource Oregon to expand to all 12 of Oregon’s state correctional facilities for a period of 21 months. Currently, this program is funded through a mix of state and federal grants, which are all set to expire in 2026.

OED would model the program expansion on how services are currently administered at the Deer Ridge facility. Two positions, consisting of WorkSource Oregon Staff and Title 1B partners, currently spend 2-3 days per week at the facility, with the remainder of the OED staff person’s time in the WorkSource Oregon office working with adults in custody who have been released, documenting services, and finding employment opportunities. Receipt of services by adults in custody is voluntary, but staff currently providing services at Deer Ridge typically see 20-25 customers in intensive one-on-one conversations throughout the month at the facility, and an average

of 20 customers per week during “open office hours” at the local WorkSource Oregon office.

Assuming a similar administrative model, the \$3 million appropriation would allow for 11 full-time, limited duration Program Analyst 1 positions (9.68 FTE) to provide on-site assistance to adults in custody at all 12 correctional institutions in Oregon, serving a few days per week onsite and the remainder in a local WorkSource Oregon office. The estimated cost of this program, including position-related services and supplies, instate travel, and other administrative costs, is \$3 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. However, it should be noted that this is one-time funding and any amounts unspent at the end of the 2025-27 biennium would revert to the General Fund. Furthermore, since the program is voluntary, it is unknown how many adults in custody would make use of the program.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections.

The measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on counties.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment sine die.