

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5027

Board of Parole and Post-Prision Supervision

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

HB 5027 is the budget bill for the Board of Parole and Post-Prision Supervision.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$17,898,813 General Fund, \$13,229 Other Funds, and 38 positions (36.92 FTE), which represents a 27.2% increase from the current service level budget. The budget includes one-time funding to modernize the Parole Board Management Information System, one-time funding to transition from the Board's Victim Information and Notification Everyday system to the Victim Information System in Oregon system, and one permanent full-time Morrissey Hearings Officer (1.00 FTE).

The budget also includes \$3.1 million General Fund and nine permanent full-time positions (7.92 FTE) to address the Sex Offender Notification Leveling backlog. In addition to position-related costs, \$874,000 is included for legal costs and contracted evaluations. This investment includes the resources necessary for the Board to eliminate the backlog within five years, so these positions are anticipated to phase-out in the 2029-31 biennium.

The Subcommittee also approved a budget note, directing the Board to return to the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means no later than January 2026 to report on the status of the backlog. The report must provide an update on the status of recruitment, training, and retention of the backlog-related positions, efforts taken to reduce the backlog and its current status, and an updated projected timeline to complete this work.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5027 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.