



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Jason Kropf, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Re: House Bill 2465

Chair Kropf 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 2465.

What the Bill Does:

The purpose of the bill is to amend statute to include escape from a parole and probation officer as constituting the crime of Escape.

Parole and probation officers have the authority and responsibility to place individuals on probation, parole, post-prison supervision and certain leaves from prison under arrest when they violate the terms and conditions of their supervision or release. In addition, these officers are required to act upon judicial and parole board warrants resulting in the detainment and custody of individuals on supervision.

In every scenario, the arrest and apprehension of an individual can create a high risk and potentially unsafe situation should the person determine they do not want to be taken into custody. Escapes can create public safety risks to the officer, the individual who is escaping, and the public at large. This bill would make escaping from a parole and probation officer carry the same penalties as escaping from any other police or peace officer.

Impact of the Bill:

This bill would create an equal response, should a person escape from any law enforcement officer acting within their authority. For these reasons, the Department of Corrections supports the addition of parole and probation officers to the escape crime statute.

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