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SECRETARY OF THE STATE

November 4, 2008 General Election

Initiative 408/Ballot Measure 57

“Increases Sentences For Drug Trafficking, Theft Against Elderly And Specified Repeat Property And Identity Theft Crimes; Requires Addiction Treatment For Certain Offenders”

(FE) Explanatory Statement:

The measure

The measure increases sentences for specific drug and property crimes, and requires addiction treatment for certain criminals. The measure also requires state grants to counties for jail, treatment, and supervision expenses, and for drug court operations.

State impact

The costs of the measure are due to keeping more criminals in prison for longer periods of time. Those costs include: running prisons, providing temporary prison beds, supervising criminals after they are released from prison, and building more prison space. Other costs include: providing foster care for some children whose parents are convicted of the measure's crimes, providing lawyers for defendants who cannot afford legal counsel, defending the state against inmates' lawsuits, and assessing the results of grant-funded addiction treatment.

The measure will cost \$9 million in the first year, and increase to more than \$143 million per year after the fourth year. These costs include the cost of grants to local government.

The state will borrow \$314 million from 2010 to 2017 to build new prison space. The state will repay those amounts plus interest of \$203 million over 25 years.

Local impact

The amount of grants to local governments cannot be estimated.

The measure does not require any additional local government spending.

Implementing the measure

The total cost of the measure could change depending on the length of time to build new prisons, inflation, the cost of drug treatment, and the cost to hire and train new prison staff.

The measure does not identify a funding source. Today the costs of prisons are paid for out of the General Fund, which comes from income taxes. The General Fund is also used to pay for public education, services for vulnerable citizens, public safety, and other programs.

Certification:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that, pursuant to ORS 250.125 (6), we have prepared the statement described under "Explanatory Statement."

Secretary of State

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State Treasurer

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Director, Department of Administrative Service

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Director, Department of Revenue

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