



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Criminal Justice policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the 2024 regular legislative session. The report is organized by subtopics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

Criminal Justice Policy Subtopics:

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Adults in Custody

- SB 1560 A ✗ This measure would have created the Task Force on Compassionate Medical Release to examine existing law authorizing early medical release from custody and to identify barriers that are impeding or delaying the process; analyze other states' practices; calculate related costs, in addition to other directives.

Crimes and Violations

- SB 1553 ✓ The measure expands the crime of interfering with public transportation to include when a person knowingly consumes a controlled substance that is not lawfully possessed by the person while in or on a public transit vehicle. It also provides that a conviction for interfering with public transportation established by this measure shall be classified as a designated drug-related misdemeanor.
- SB 1580 ✓ The measure provides that an employer commits a Class A misdemeanor crime if, with the intent to decrease the employer's premium for coverage as required by Oregon's workers' compensation laws, knowingly submits a false payroll report to the Workers' Compensation Board, the Workers' Compensation Board chairperson, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the corporation, or an insurer.
- Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Labor and Employment.

- HB 4043** ✓ The measure creates the crime of interfering with an investigation for an offense against an animal. It modifies elements of the crimes of animal abuse in the first degree and aggravated animal abuse in the first degree and classifies them as a crime category 7 on the sentencing guidelines grid in certain circumstances. The measure amends the elements of animal neglect in the first degree and allows a person subject to the prohibition of owning or residing with an animal to request a modification or termination of the prohibition.
- HB 4088 A** ✗ The measure would have added to hospital safety requirements, made assaulting a hospital worker a felony, and established a hospital worker safety grant program to be administered by the Oregon Health Authority.
Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Behavioral Health and Health Care.
- HB 4135** ✗ The measure would have created the crime of “threatening a mass injury event,” a Class A misdemeanor on first conviction and a Class C felony on subsequent convictions. It would have established certain sentencing requirements, prohibited possession of a firearm by people convicted of threatening a mass injury event, and required the Criminal Justice Commission to submit a report biennially on the crime’s prosecution.
- HB 4145** ✓ The measure amends aggravated animal abuse in the first degree and creates two new crimes of encouraging aggravated animal abuse in the first and second degree.
- HB 4156** ✓ The measure expands the definition of contact in Oregon's stalking laws, expands the circumstances when the misdemeanor crimes of stalking and violating a court's stalking protective order become a felony, and increases the classification of felony-level stalking and felony-level violating a court's stalking protective order from C to B.

Expungement

- HB 4097 A** ✗ This measure would have modified the process for setting aside convictions, abuse findings, dismissals, citations, and guilty, except for insanity judgments.



Public Safety

- SB 1574** ✓ This measure is an omnibus bill relating to public safety. Included topics are the crime of abuse of a corpse, humane special agents, the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline, the Parole Board and the Psychiatric Security Review Board, failure to perform the duties of a driver, driving while suspended records, and interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts for the Oregon Public Defense Commission.
- HB 4146** ✓ The measure provides that a petition for a Family Abuse Prevention Act order, Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act order, or a sexual abuse restraining order may be filed in the county where the abuse occurred. The measure also removes the word "identifiable" from the crime of unlawful dissemination of an intimate image.

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

- HB 4123** ✗ The measure would have appropriated \$400,000 to the Department of Justice for the Sexual Assault Task Force's costs of managing the Oregon Sexual Assault Examiner/ Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Certification Commission.
- HB 4140** ✓ The measure directs the Department of Justice to include discrete amounts in its budget request for the next biennium that are necessary for funding the projected costs of state support for children's advocacy centers, the Survivor Housing Funds Grant program, its successor program, and the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund.

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