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Government Efficiency Bill Passes the House *Measure would reduce duplicate audits of county jails*

SALEM – The Oregon House of Representatives passed a bill today to end redundant audits of county jails, building on the House Democrats’ plan to work for government efficiency and reinvest in Oregon’s priorities.

Representative Nancy Nathanson (D – Eugene) is the chief sponsor of House Bill 2143, which is one in a series of bills Nathanson and other House Democrats are working on to “clean out the closet” for the Legislature.

“We’re removing outdated, unnecessary, and cumbersome laws,” Nathanson said. “During this session, we’ve already gotten rid of antiquated laws about grading prunes, transporting onions, and now HB 2143 will reduce the duplicate audits of county jails. We’re saving time and money that can be better spent on other priorities.”

Rep. Nathanson brought HB 2143 on behalf of the State and Local Government Efficiency Task Force after workers in the criminal justice system pointed out that Oregon is auditing its county jails twice. This recommendation does not change policy or standards for audits. Rather, it removes the requirement for a second, less thorough audit.

The bill, supported by the Department of Corrections, Oregon State Sheriffs Association, and the Association of Oregon Counties, passed unanimously today and will move on to the Senate.

“I’ll keep pushing for efforts that put programs we need over paperwork we don’t,” Nathanson said.

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