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State issues forecast on prison populations

Salem—The prison population, which numbers 14,066 today, will fluctuate over the next two years, generally staying between 14,000 and 14,200 inmates, the state Office Economic Analysis announced today.

In mid-2012, a new period of growth will likely add 1,000 inmates over two years. The population will reach 15,000 in mid-2014, 15,500 in mid-2015, and eventually level off at nearly 16,000 inmates at the end of the decade.

Most of the projected growth from mid-2012 through 2020 results from combined changes in the law:

- Measure 57 (2008)
- House Bill 3508 (2009)
- House Bill 2343 (2009)
- Senate Bill 1007 (2010)

The Office of Economic Analysis issues the report on April 1 and Oct. 1 of each year. It provides 10-year projections of the number of people who will be subject to supervision by the Oregon Department of Corrections. The report estimates the number of prison inmates, as the number of felony offenders on probation, parole, post-prison supervision, and those serving local control sentences in jail. State agencies, in particular the Department of Corrections, use the forecast for budgeting, planning, and policy development.

The community corrections populations, which currently total about 32,000, will increase gradually to 35,200 by the end of the decade. Probation comprises about 56 percent of that number; local control comprises about 2 percent; and parole and post-prison supervision about 42 percent.

These latest inmate projections represent a comprehensive forecast update, but are almost identical to the previous projections released in April 2010, since trends have been consistent.

The report appears at <http://oregon.gov/DAS/OEA/corrections.shtml>.

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