COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY
WORK PLAN

CHARGE
Informed by the recommendations of the Governor’s Reset Cabinet (June 2010), the Commission on Public Safety shall develop recommendations for comprehensive sentencing reform based on fiscally responsible data driven policies and practices, which improves public safety, holds offenders accountable, and controls corrections costs consistent with state budget limitations.

OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION MEETINGS
The Commission shall meet in at least four public sessions at locations throughout the state. Beginning with the first meeting, the Commission will consider at each public meeting a specific substantive policy issue that must be examined and understood to facilitate the development of a set of recommendations for comprehensive sentencing reform. Each meeting will also include a presentation on the data and cost-benefit analysis relevant to proposed changes and reform in the substantive policy area that is the focus of the meeting. At the conclusion of each meeting, the Commission will propose tentative findings and recommendations relevant to the substantive policy issue considered at the meeting.

COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH
The Commission is also directed to develop a communication and outreach strategy to educate Oregonians about Oregon's public safety system and the impacts on the state's budget and public safety. An Outreach Work Group shall be responsible for the development of a public
communication and outreach strategy for the Commission. The communication and outreach strategy should include, but is not limited to, press conferences, media seminars, editorial boards, a web-site/web-based conversation, and other targeted outreach to media about the work of the Commission. The Outreach Work Group shall also target attendance, and presentation by, Commission members at stakeholder conferences and meetings.

**COMMISSION WORK GROUPS**

The Commission recognizes that in order to develop and implement comprehensive sentencing reform based on fiscally responsible data driven policies and practices, which improves public safety, holds offenders accountable, and controls corrections costs consistent with state budget limitations, we must reach a common understanding regarding the relevance and accuracy of foundational criminal justice data. Work group members will have the opportunity to work with and assist the Commission in determining the relevance and accuracy of the foundational criminal justice data through their participation in the work group.

To enhance the work of the commission, there shall be established seven work groups. The work groups are:

1. Law Enforcement and Criminal Defense
2. Victims’ Issues
3. Business Community
4. Community Corrections
5. Data: Cost Benefit Analysis & Reinvestment
6. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment
7. Public Outreach
Each work group will be chaired by a member of the Commission. The work groups shall include representatives of criminal justice stakeholder organizations and others who can provide direct input to the commission based on their individual roles and functions in Oregon's criminal justice system.

The work group chair shall: (1) coordinate the Commission's outreach and communications with work group members; (2) solicit collection and presentation of any additional relevant data not already provided to the Commission; (3) coordinate work group member responses to the proposed findings of the Commission; and (4) once the Commission has made findings and set principles for itself, solicit policy suggestions for structural sentencing reform consistent with those findings and principles.

Following each meeting, Commission staff will coordinate with the Chair of each work group to provide an opportunity for the work group to respond in writing to the Commission's proposed findings and recommendations and to provide any additional information or data that the work group members reasonably believe to be relevant to the substantive policy issue considered by the Commission.
Work Group Membership

1. Law Enforcement and Criminal Defense

   Chair: Representative Andy Olson

   Staff:
   - DOJ representative (via Attorney General)
   - District Attorney representative (via ODAA)
   - Sheriff representative (via OSSA)
   - Police Chief representative (via OR Assn Chiefs of Police)
   - Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance
   - Professor Laura Appleman, Willamette School of Law
   - Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
   - Youth, Rights & Justice
   - Public Defense Services Commission

2. Victims' Issues

   Chair: Representative Chris Garrett

   Staff:
   - National Crime Victims Law Institute
   - Oregon Crime Victims Law Center
   - Partnership for Safety and Justice
   - Crime Victims United
   - Restorative Justice representative
   - DOJ representative (via Attorney General)
   - District Attorney representative (via ODAA)
3. Business Community

Chair: Dick Withnell

Staff: Elizabeth Howe

- Oregon Business Association
- Association Oregon Industries
- Chamber of Commerce
- Citizen Crime Commission (PBA)
- National Federation of Independent Business

4. Adult and Juvenile Community Supervision and Services (including Re-Entry)

Chair: Senator Jackie Winters

Staff: DOC designee

- Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors
- Department of Corrections
- Oregon Youth Authority
- Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Ass’n
- Association of Oregon Counties
- Oregon Alliance of Children’s Programs
- OSSA
- Sponsors, Inc.

5. Data: Cost Benefit Analysis & Reinvestment

Chair: Governor Ted Kulongoski

Staff: Craig Prins

- Department of Corrections
- Criminal Justice Commission
- Post Prison Supervision
- State Court Administrator
- Legislative Fiscal Office
- Judiciary Committee Counsel
- Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute

6. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment

   Chair: Senator Floyd Prozanski
   Staff: Mary Ellen Glynn
   - Alcohol and Drug Commission
   - Association of Oregon Counties
   - Psychiatric Security Review Board
   - Oregon Health Authority
   - DOC
   - OYA
   - OACCD
   - OJDDA
   - Association of County Mental Health Programs
   - Disability Rights Oregon

7. Public Outreach

   Chair: Chief Justice Paul De Muniz
   Staff:
   Membership TBD
First Commission meeting - September 30, 2011

Hearing Room A, State Capitol, Salem

All Day

Policy focus: The current trajectory.

- Crime in Oregon – data and perception
- Oregon sentencing laws
- Roles and practices in the adjudication process
- Prosecution and sentencing of juveniles under adult law

Data collection and analysis:

- Offenders under supervision
- Incarceration rates and future projections (*prison forecasts*)
- Measurable outcomes under current sentencing system (*recidivism, crime rates, victimization, 10-year budget plan*)
- Corrections operations and labor costs

Tentative Presenters: Max Williams and Nathan Allen (DOC), Craig Prins and Michael Wilson (CJC), Doug Wilson, Legislative Fiscal Office, Portland State Univ. (crime perception), and Steve Marks

Public comment:

Proposed Commission findings:
Second Commission meeting - October 21, 2011

Medford (venue TBA)

All day meeting

Policy focus: Current research, best practices in sentencing, justice reinvestment

- Advances in the science of behavioral change
- Accurate risk assessment
- Advances in supervision technology
- Increase focus on cost-benefit analysis
- Evidence based practices - measurable outcomes

Tentative Presenters: Steve Aos (WA Institute on Public Policy), Michael Wilson (CJC), Prins (re: risk assessment), DOC/OR Association of Community Corrections Directors (risk tools in community corrections)

Data collection and analysis: http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/11-07-1201A.pdf

The work of the Washington State Institute of Public Policy, which rigorously evaluates programs and subjects the findings to cost-benefit analysis, is incorporated herein by reference.

Public comment:

Proposed Commission findings:

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Third Commission meeting - November 21, 2011

Portland (venue TBA)

All Day Meeting

Policy focus: Principles and options for comprehensive sentencing reform (Note: The following are provided for illustration purposes only. The list considered by the Commission will be updated with suggestions from stakeholders via the work groups).

Principles:

- Oregon Constitution
- Transparency
- Risk and harm reduction as fundamental goals for the criminal justice system
- Meet the public safety needs of community and better allocate resources
- Recidivism reduction as an explicit goal of Oregon sentencing and correction policy
- Implement correction and sentencing policies that use evidence based practices
- Risk assessment at each stage of criminal justice system
- Measure effectiveness of treatment programs and the outcome of sentences
- Invest savings in sentence alternatives that improve outcomes

Tentative Presenters: Roger Warren, National Center for State Courts; former Missouri Supreme Court Justice Michael Wolff, Right on Crime, Pew, Oregon stakeholders
Public comment:

Proposed Commission findings:

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**Fourth Commission meeting - December 2, 2011**

*Salem (venue TBA)*

All Day meeting

Policy focus:  Adopt findings and recommendations for comprehensive sentencing reform

- Short term recommendations
- Long term recommendations
- Communication and outreach plan

Public Comment

Presentation of report December 15, 2011