

## COIN Legislative Session Worksheet for 2025

### SB1007 Compensation for Wrongly Convicted

Brief Description of Bill: **This bill will reform the process for compensating exonerees and guarantee that more of those wrongly convicted and imprisoned are compensated in a timely manner:**

- **Make clear the legislative intent of resolving claims that meet legislative standards for innocence.**
- **Recognize newly presented evidence of innocence in review of the petition.**
- **Improve access to re-entry services.**
- **Ensure timely Oregon Department of Justice review of cases.**

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1. Research topic – choose which category best fits your bill:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate, Energy Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing/Houselessness      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Finance Reform     | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration/Social Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare/Gun Safety       | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Safety                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other describe:             |   |

2. The bill's Legislative champions –

**Chief Sponsors:** [Senator Thatcher, Prozanski](#)

**Regular Sponsors:** [Senator Gorsek, Nash, Smith DB, Starr, Wagner, Representative Andersen, Chotzen, Grayber, Wallan](#)

3. The bill's legislative opponents: **Some attorneys in Oregon Dept of Justice**

4. What advocacy groups are supporting this bill and why are they supporting it? **Supported by the advocacy organizations that originally backed it, including the Forensic Justice Project and the Oregon Justice Resource Center. Incarceration of innocents ruins families, careers, reputation, etc. "The 2022 Oregon Legislature passed a law allowing those wrongfully convicted and imprisoned for felony crimes to be compensated by the state. At the time, Oregon was one of only 13 states without such a law. But three years after the law took effect, only four of the 40 former convicts pursuing compensation have received it. Senate Bill 1007 is co-sponsored by the original sponsors of the 2022 law, Democrat Sen. Floyd Prozanski of Eugene and Springfield, and Republican Sen. Kim Thatcher of Keizer. They are joined by 12 lawmakers from both parties from throughout the state."**

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5. What groups are opposing this bill and why are they opposing it? **“During a Sept. 29 meeting of Joint Interim Judiciary Committee, the ODOJ seemed to argue that close scrutiny of all compensation requests was necessary because so many people in Oregon are being convicted but having their cases reversed on technicalities by appeals courts.”**

6. Reasons COIN should take a position on this bill. Choose all that apply:

☒ Progressive groups across the state care strongly about this.

☐ This Bill protects or expands the rights of marginalized populations.

☒ This bill helps change the structures of the democratic system to make it work better.

☒ This issue is controlled by the state or states have a great deal of power in it.

☒ Other: **COIN supported the 2022 bill to compensate exonerees.**

7. What is the likelihood this bill will pass? **Highly likely**

8. List the relevant dates concerning the bill(s)-(scheduled committee hearings, votes, lobby days, other scheduled advocacy, phone banks, post card parties, etc). **Public hearing 2/27 in the Senate Judiciary Committee.**

9. Please list any specific advocacy action you would like COIN to help with, any media contacts that may be helpful or any other important information?

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