

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2631

Ordered by the House March 4
Including House Amendments dated March 4

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ; Representatives BARKER, BYNUM, DOHERTY, GORSEK, GREENLICK, HERNANDEZ, LEWIS, MCLANE, PILUSO, POWER, SMITH WARNER, SOLLMAN, WILLIAMSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Department of Corrections, **in cooperation with Oregon Criminal Justice Commission**, to establish pilot program to provide legal services that assist women who are incarcerated at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to reenter and reintegrate into local communities, to reduce womens' vulnerability to domestic violence and to obtain employment, housing services and other benefits. Sunsets December 31, 2021.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund, for biennium beginning July 1, 2019, to *[department]* **commission** for purposes of carrying out provisions of Act.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to legal services for women who are incarcerated; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Oregon Criminal**
5 **Justice Commission, shall establish a pilot program to provide legal services that assist**
6 **women who are incarcerated at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to reenter and rein-**
7 **tegrate into local communities, to reduce the womens' vulnerability to domestic violence and**
8 **to obtain employment, housing services and other benefits.**

9 **(2) The commission shall carry out the purposes of subsection (1) of this section by**
10 **granting to the Oregon Justice Resource Center an amount sufficient for the center to em-**
11 **ploy three attorneys and to provide necessary support for the attorneys' work.**

12 **(3) The commission and the Oregon Justice Resource Center shall evaluate the oper-**
13 **ations and success of the pilot program and report the results of the department's evaluation**
14 **to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to corrections not later than**
15 **September 15, 2021.**

16 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, for the**
17 **biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$800,000 for the**
18 **purpose of making a grant to the Oregon Justice Resource Center to carry out the provisions**
19 **of section 1 of this 2019 Act.**

20 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2021.**

21 **SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
23 **on its passage.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

