

YES ON  
[HB 3078](#)  
[SB 894](#)

# The 2017 Safety and Savings Act

ON THE BRINK OF ANOTHER WOMEN'S PRISON

Women's  
incarceration rate has  
ballooned by 22%  
from 2007-2015



70% of women's  
convictions in 2015  
were for drug and  
property crimes



A second women's  
prison will cost an  
additional \$20 M  
per biennium

\$ 20 mil.

**The Problem** - Oregon's excessive sentences for drug and property crimes disproportionately impact women and people of color. Our children and families are being devastated by its consequences, and now Oregon faces the possibility of opening a second prison for women.

**The Solution** - By realigning drug and property crime sentencing laws, Oregon avoids additional prison costs and creates savings that can be invested into intensive supervision, addiction and mental health treatment, and victim services.

THE SAFETY AND SAVINGS ACT WOULD DELAY THE NEED FOR A SECOND WOMEN'S PRISON FOR 10 YEARS.



## Realign drug and property crime laws

Oregon data shows no proven link between excessive drug and property crime prison sentences and crime reduction. Realigning drug and property laws avoids additional prison costs and allows us to invest saved resources into intensive supervision and addiction and mental health treatment.



## Invest in Victim Services

The Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Fund is the only source of general fund dollars that supports community-based resources and programs. Funding needs to be preserved, especially since current levels are less than 50% of what is minimally required to ensure adequate access to emergency services.

**HB 3078 ALSO KEEPS FAMILIES TOGETHER TO BUILD SAFER COMMUNITIES**



**Expand Short-Term Transitional Leave**

Short-term transitional leave creates a strong transition plan and a period of intensive supervision for people coming out of prison. It's proven to be more effective at reducing recidivism while also effectively keeping costs down. Currently at 90 days, the bill would extend the leave to 120, 150, or 180 days.



**Fix and preserve the Family Sentencing Alternative (FSA)**

Passed with bipartisan support in 2015, FSA keeps children and families together by providing parents intensive supervision and services instead of prison. The program needs to be preserved and amended to include pregnant women and other updates that will increase the program's reach.



**Maintain Justice Reinvestment**

The Justice Reinvestment Act (2013) enhanced the interaction between Community Corrections and the Department of Corrections to flatline prison growth and invest in local accountability and services. By the end of the 2017-2019 biennium, it is projected to have saved Oregon over \$250 million since HB 3194 passed in 2013, all while achieving comparable recidivism rates.

The Safety and Savings Act is supported by a diverse range of community-based and advocacy organizations.



**ABOUT PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE**

Partnership for Safety and Justice advances policy solutions to crime that ensure justice, equity, accountability, and healing to achieve safe, strong communities in Oregon.



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