The 2017 Safety and Savings Act



ON THE BRINK OF ANOTHER WOMEN'S PRISON

<u>The Problem</u> - 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.

<u>The Solution</u> - 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 KEEPS FAMILIES TOGETHER AND BUILDS SAFER COMMUNITIES. THAT IS WHY THE BILL IS SUPPORTED BY A DIVERSE RANGE OF COMMUNITY-BASED AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.





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Realign addiction-driven property crime laws

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



Broaden local 416 models

Piloted in Lane, Marion, and Multnomah Counties, 416 programs reduce prison usage and recidivism rates by allowing people convicted of certain drug and property crimes to receive addiction treatment and community supervision rather than long prison sentences.



Expand Short-Term Transitional Leave to 120 days

Short-term transitional leave creates a strong transition plan and a period of intensive community supervision for people coming out of prison. It's proven to be more effective at reducing recidivism while also effectively keeping costs down.



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. This update will reach pregnant women as well as a greater number of qualified parents.



Maintain Justice Reinvestment

The Justice Reinvestment Act (2013) flatlined prison growth and invested in local accountability and services. By the end of the 2017-2019 biennium, it is projected to save Oregon over \$250 million while achieving comparable recidivism rates.



Invest in the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Fund

The only source of general fund dollars that supports community-based services, ODSVF is currently funded at less than 50% of what is required for adequate access to emergency resources. These victim services need to be preserved. 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



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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