

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of Corrections
Second Chance Act**

On April 11th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Corrections to the U.S. Department of Justice for \$750,000 from the Second Chance Act grant program, which funds programs for incarcerated parents and their minor children.

The Department of Corrections anticipates using the grant funds to pilot a “Children of Incarcerated Parents” program together with the Department of Human Services. The program would establish Family Advocate positions and parenting resource libraries at one or more men’s prisons; station a child welfare worker at the Department of Corrections intake center in Wilsonville; and develop programs through community-based providers for maintaining relationships between incarcerated parents, their children, and their children’s caregivers.

This is a three-year grant with no state match requirement. Awards will be announced in October of this year.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.