## B-Engrossed House Bill 2631

Ordered by the House June 5 Including House Amendments dated March 4 and June 5

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ; Representatives BARKER, BYNUM, DOHERTY, GORSEK, GREENLICK, HERNANDEZ, LEIF, 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] Increases appropriation to commission from General Fund, for biennium beginning July 1, 2019, [to commission] for purposes of carrying out provisions of Act

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to legal services for women who are incarcerated; and declaring an emergency.
  - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
    - SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, shall establish a pilot program to provide legal services that assist women who are incarcerated at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to reenter and reintegrate into local communities, to reduce the womens' vulnerability to domestic violence and to obtain employment, housing services and other benefits.
    - (2) The commission shall carry out the purposes of subsection (1) of this section by granting to the Oregon Justice Resource Center an amount sufficient for the center to employ three attorneys and to provide necessary support for the attorneys' work.
    - (3) The commission and the Oregon Justice Resource Center shall evaluate the operations and success of the pilot program and report the results of the department's evaluation to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to corrections not later than September 15, 2021.
    - SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation made to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission by section 1, chapter \_\_\_\_, Oregon Laws 2019 (Enrolled Senate Bill 5506), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, is increased by \$800,000 to pay for a grant to the Oregon Justice Resource Center for a pilot program to provide legal services to women who are incarcerated at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.
  - SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2021.
- 23 SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

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- peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.
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