House Bill 2631

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ; Representatives DOHERTY, HERNANDEZ, POWER (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 **as introduced.**

Directs Department of Corrections 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 for purposes of carrying out provisions of Act.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to legal services for women who are incarcerated.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections 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 department 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 department 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. There is appropriated to the Department of Corrections, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $800,000 for the purpose of making a grant to the Oregon Justice Resource Center to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2019 Act.

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 Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2021.

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.