

# House Bill 3164

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ, Senator DEMBROW, Representative WILLIAMSON; Senator FREDERICK

## 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 Public Defense Services Commission to distribute moneys to Metropolitan Public Defender Services for establishment and administration of pilot program according to specifications, collection of certain program data and submission of data to commission. Directs commission to review data and to report on results of pilot program to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary on or before September 15, 2021.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Public Defense Services Commission for pilot program.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to civil legal services for persons charged with crimes.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Public Defense Services Commission shall distribute the moneys de-**  
5 **scribed in section 2 of this 2019 Act to Metropolitan Public Defender Services for the fol-**  
6 **lowing purposes:**

7 (a) **Establishing and administering a two-year pilot program in Multnomah County and**  
8 **in one rural county with the purpose of providing civil legal services to persons charged with**  
9 **criminal offenses. The provision of civil legal services must include but is not limited to as-**  
10 **sistance with issues related to housing, family law, public benefits, financial obligations,**  
11 **consumer debt and expungement.**

12 (b) **Collecting data, and submitting the data to the Public Defense Services Commission,**  
13 **concerning the number of participants in the pilot program who, as a result of participation:**

14 (A) **Experienced increased financial stability.**

15 (B) **Experienced increased housing stability.**

16 (C) **Were able to obtain public benefits.**

17 (D) **Were able to resolve debt.**

18 (E) **Were able to expunge or set aside records of arrest, citation or conviction.**

19 (F) **Engaged in planning for family security.**

20 (G) **Experienced increased stability or exhibited better behavior while incarcerated, in**  
21 **comparison to similarly situated inmates who did not participate in the pilot program.**

22 (2) **Upon receipt of the data concerning the pilot program described in subsection (1) of**  
23 **this section, the Public Defense Services Commission shall review the data, prepare a report**  
24 **and submit the report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the**  
25 **judiciary in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2021.**

26 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
27 **ated to the Public Defense Services Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out**  
28 **of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be expended for the purposes described in**

**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.

1 **section 1 of this 2019 Act.**

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