

House Bill 2912

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ; Representatives HERNANDEZ, LEWIS, Senator DEMBROW (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**.

Extends sunset of pilot program for provision of legal services to adults in custody serving sentences at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund, for biennium beginning July 1, 2021, to Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for purposes of funding program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to legal services for adults in custody; creating new provisions; amending sections 1 and
3 3, chapter 481, Oregon Laws 2019; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, chapter 481, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 1.** (1) The Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Oregon Criminal Justice
7 Commission, shall establish a pilot program to provide legal services that assist [*women*] **adults in**
8 **custody** who are [*incarcerated*] **servicing sentences** at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to re-
9 enter and reintegrate into local communities, to reduce [*the womens*] vulnerability to domestic vi-
10 olence and to obtain employment, housing services and other benefits **for the adults in custody**.

11 (2) The commission shall carry out the purposes of subsection (1) of this section by granting to
12 the Oregon Justice Resource Center an amount sufficient for the center to employ three attorneys
13 and to provide necessary support for the attorneys' work.

14 (3) The commission and the Oregon Justice Resource Center shall evaluate the operations and
15 success of the pilot program and report the results of the department's evaluation to an interim
16 committee of the Legislative Assembly related to corrections not later than September 15, 2021.

17 **SECTION 2.** Section 3, chapter 481, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 3.** Section 1, [*of this 2019 Act*] **chapter 481, Oregon Laws 2019**, is repealed on December
19 31, [*2021*] **2024**.

20 **SECTION 3.** **There is appropriated to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, for the**
21 **biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$800,000 for the**
22 **purpose of making a grant to the Oregon Justice Resource Center to fund the legal services**
23 **program described in section 1, chapter 481, Oregon Laws 2019.**

24 **SECTION 4.** **This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
26 **July 1, 2021.**

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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.