

I fully support SB191. I have worked with incarcerated people for 25+ years as a Career Counselor with the Federal JTPA program helping incarcerated people return to the community through the old Bootcamp program at Shutter Creek Facility. I also led the way as a College Dean at Lane Community College to assist formerly incarcerated people to successfully transition into an educational program to support their future. Further, I have a relative who is incarcerated under measure 11 for 15 years. No judge was able to examine his personal circumstance or situation to better decide sentencing and how to help him move back into successful participation later into the community at large. I have worked very hard supporting him during the last 10 years and he has worked hard to change and "do well" in prison. He has be completely successful and has no behavioral issues. We have been able to internalize his motivation to do well even though there is no incentive to do so through the prision programming and measure 11. I have watched many measure 11 people give up and not care to do well because there is nothing that would give them credit for "good time". This is a huge mistake on our part and very much needs to be corrected. So many people want the chance to do better and would very much like the hope of impacting their time through their successes during incarceration. This sense of hope is so very important for everyone there. If my relative we able to get credit for good time (which I strongly believe he should) he would be able to return to the community and his family in about 2 years if full credit were given. However, otherwise he will be there for another full 5 years. That is 3 years the state will have to pay to keep him there and since the average cost of one year incarceration is \$50,000+ that cost is \$150,000+ for just this one person. He is more than ready to return to continue his education, his positive life and leadership for his family and i believe it is in all our interest to move in this direction. Please support this bill and give incentive to measure 11 incarcerated populations. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I am happy to support your good efforts.