AN ACT

Relating to public safety; 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 adults in custody who are serving sentences at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to re-enter and reintegrate into local communities, to reduce vulnerability to domestic violence and to obtain employment, housing services and other benefits for the adults in custody.

(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 evaluation to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to corrections not later than September 15, 2023.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.

SECTION 3. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.