

Testimony in support of HB 2631  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Submitted by Tierra Salmón  
Thursday February 14, 2019

Dear Chair Williamson, Co-Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of HB 2631.

My name is Tierra Salmón, I am a mother of three, someone who has served time in jail, a midwife (which was a long journey after many mistakes I made in my youth and young adulthood), a community member, and someone who raises two children with their fathers in the custody of our prison industrial complex system.

This bill is near to my heart because of how it could impact our family, but as a midwife and community member I hold love and compassion for all of those whom I share this lovely state with, and especially those who have hills to climb.

I think this bill could be very beneficial for the re-entry of persons who are incarcerated so that they don't get hit with the magnitude of attaining livability, (housing, work, access to food, access to transportation, mending relationships with family and the community, etc.), along with all of the legal issues that can go along with what loose ends had been left untended while they were away. It can serve as a gradient scale to take bite sized pieces of the work that lies ahead

I hope that you will support HB 2631. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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"Let yourself be silently drawn by the silent pull of what you really love. It will not lead you astray."  
~Rumi