

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2631

Relating to legal services for women who are incarcerated

HB 2631 directs the Department of Corrections and the Criminal Justice Commission to establish a pilot program at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to provide legal services to women in custody addressing employment, housing, benefits, and other issues related to their re-entry into the community.

The measure appropriates \$800,000 from the General Fund to the Criminal Justice Commission for a grant to the Oregon Justice Resource Center to hire three attorneys for the pilot program, and it instructs both agencies to evaluate the efficacy of the pilot program and report results to the Legislature. The pilot program sunsets in December 2021.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2631 be amended by the -A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.