

House Bill 2815

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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**.

Directs Department of Corrections to enter into written agreement with nonprofit organization to jointly establish prison-based animal program to provide inmates with opportunity to develop pet care vocational skills.

Requires department to adopt rules that are necessary to carry out program.

Requires department to submit report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly concerning program, including recommendations for measuring outcomes of program and recommendations for legislation, no later than September 15, 2021.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department to establish program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to prison-based animal programs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Corrections shall enter into a written agreement**
5 **with a nonprofit organization that provides animal rescue services to jointly establish a**
6 **prison-based animal program. The program shall be designed to reduce recidivism rates in**
7 **this state by providing inmates in correctional facilities an opportunity to develop pet care**
8 **vocational skills that may be used to find employment when an inmate is released from the**
9 **correctional facility.**

10 **(b) The vocational skills taught under the program must include instruction on how to**
11 **provide obedience training, socialization, grooming and other appropriate care for dogs be-**
12 **fore a nonprofit organization offers the dog for adoption.**

13 **(2) The department shall adopt rules that are necessary to carry out the provisions of**
14 **this section, including rules that establish:**

15 **(a) Requirements that an inmate must meet to be eligible to participate in the program;**

16 **(b) Minimum criteria that a nonprofit organization must meet before the department**
17 **may enter into an agreement with the nonprofit organization as described in subsection (1)**
18 **of this section; and**

19 **(c) Standards for gathering measurable data to evaluate the outcomes of the program.**

20 **(3) The department shall submit a report concerning the prison-based animal program**
21 **established pursuant to section (1) of this section, including recommendations for measuring**
22 **the outcomes of the program as they relate to the recidivism rates in this state, and any**
23 **other recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assem-**
24 **bley related to the judiciary no later than September 15, 2021.**

25 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
26 **ated to the Department of Corrections, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the**
27 **General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended to establish the prison-based**

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.

1 **animal program described in section 1 of this 2019 Act.**

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