

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Criminal Justice Commission Family Preservation Project

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

On February 14th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Criminal Justice Commission on the Family Preservation Project.

HB 5006, from the 2021 legislative session, provided \$650,000 of one-time General Fund to the Commission to administer payments to the YWCA of Greater Portland for the Family Preservation Project program operating at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. A budget note was included directing the Commission to work with the YWCA and Department of Corrections to track the program's outcomes for incarcerated adults and their minor children, and to report back annually to the legislature.

This initial report from the Commission includes participation data among the three tiers of the program, but more time is needed to measure the programmatic outcomes around post-prison release and recidivism rates. The YWCA will continue to submit program data for the Commission, and future reports will be able to provide more information on program outcomes.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.