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My name is Laurie Kimmell. I have a degree in a Behavioral Science and have-over 2 decades of experience in this career field.

The state of Oregon had a very effective small system in place. They had a series of work release centers located around the state called work release/halfway houses which worked well. Only those selected could enroll. It prepared them for society.. Residents could get passes for treatment (NA) and (AAA) came into the facility in the evenings. In these centers there was incentive and accountability. (Community Corrections Act -OR legislature circa 1979..closed them).

This Bill needs amendments. Nowhere is there listed any accountability for the AIC's, what custody level the AIC's must have, is it for minimum custody only? Are Measure 11 Adults in Custody eligible for treatment? Are Measure 11 in custody eligible for the release option in this bill? (Measure 11 inmates need treatment and cognitive restructuring. Most programs offered are for the minimum custody Adults in custody. What is the fiscal impact? OSP's capacity is 2,242 x 270 days treatment = ? Coffee Creek capacity is 1684 x 270 days treatment = ? That is a great fiscal impact! Why not incorporate this type of cognitive restructuring, mental health program into the Day Treatment that some of Oregon institutes offer Day Treatment which is 2-4 hrs. a day., Calculate the cost? Some prisons offer day treatment. Why not offer this type of cognitive restructuring 2-4 hours a day.? Some adults don't have the mental stamina for 12 hrs a day.of treatment.