

# House Bill 2233

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ; Representatives CHOTZEN, FRAGALA, GAMBA, MCLAIN, PHAM H, Senators GELSER BLOUIN, TAYLOR, WOODS (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would provide money for legal help to adults in custody at one prison in Oregon. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to establish a program to provide legal services to assist adults in custody who are serving sentences at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

Directs the commission to grant funds to the Oregon Justice Resource Center for purposes of the program.

Directs the commission and center to evaluate the program and report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to corrections no later than September 15, 2026.

Sunset December 31, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to public safety; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall establish a program to provide legal services that assist adults in custody who are serving sentences at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to reenter and reintegrate into local communities, to reduce vulnerability to domestic violence, to obtain employment, housing services and other benefits and to help with any other legal issue facing an adult in custody.**

**(2) The commission shall carry out the purposes of subsection (1) of this section by granting to the Oregon Justice Resource Center an amount sufficient for the center to employ attorneys, as needed, and to provide necessary support for the attorneys' work.**

**(3) The commission and the Oregon Justice Resource Center shall evaluate the operations and success of the program and report the results of the evaluation to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to corrections no later than September 15, 2026.**

**SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31, 2027.**

**SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,200,000 for the purpose of making a grant to the Oregon Justice Resource Center to fund the legal services program described in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

**SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**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.