

**YES on  
SB 1120**

# Implementing GIPA Recommendations

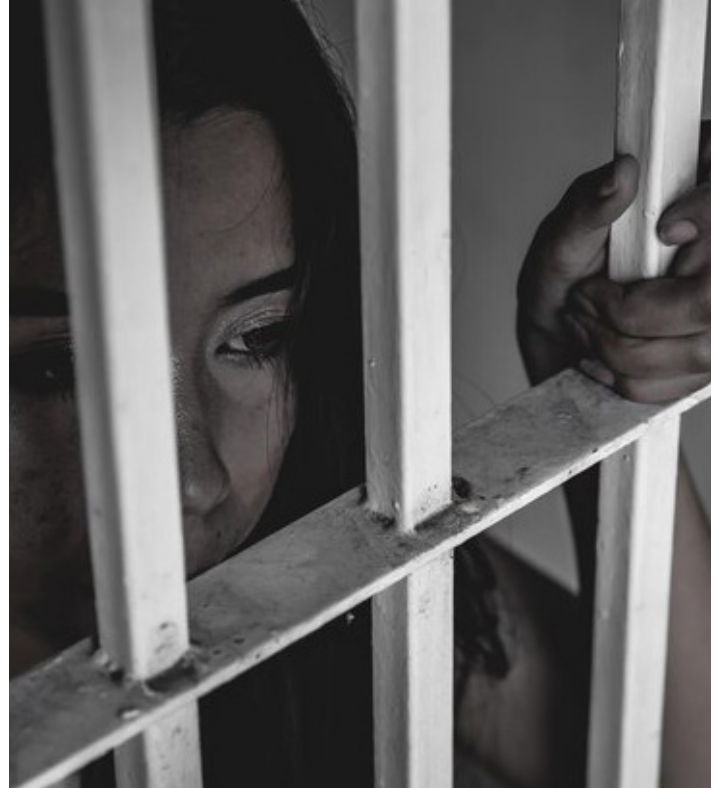
A human-centered approach to reforming our state prisons.

The legislature must mandate that ODOC improve its care of incarcerated Oregonians. The 2023 Gender-Informed Practices Assessment of Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, commissioned by the state of Oregon, makes clear that CCCF is not safe for women and that the current state of the Oregon Department of Corrections endangers the lives of all people incarcerated in its twelve prisons.

The GIPA report finds that CCCF is **not gender responsive, evidence-based, nor trauma-informed**. It depicts gross failures and dysfunction in the management, operations, services, and physical structure of CCCF. It describes a para-military and punitive culture, resulting in countless harms to incarcerated people daily. It repeatedly states that CCCF reflects a “traditional carceral approach, indicating that it operates like Oregon’s men’s prisons, and states that aspects of it are not “human-centered,” are dehumanizing and are not appropriate for “any justice-involved individuals.”

The GIPA report illustrates that the environment at CCCF causes physical, psychological, and emotional harm to women—threatening the welfare of women’s families, and jeopardizing women’s futures and the health of the communities that they will return to. Some of the many harms identified in the GIPA report are:

- Worsening mental health issues.
- Sexual abuse and sexual harassment frequently reported
- Retaliation by staff against women who have reported sexual misconduct.
- “Harmful, discriminatory and harassing behaviors” reportedly engaged in by many staff.
- High rates of suicide attempts and self-injury by women.
- Women on suicide watch being “‘stripped down’ and placed in isolation.”
- Shackling of pregnant women and a lack of pre-natal and post-natal support
- Delays in medical care that worsened conditions and long wait times or denials of surgery.”
- Women and their children prevented from keeping in touch.
- Lack of comprehensive case or reentry plans for the majority of women, placing them at greater risk of harm and recidivism upon release.



Read OJRC’s full response to the GIPA report, “A Serious Response to a ‘Sobering’ Reality” by scanning the code.



## What is SB 1120?

In response to the GIPA report, the Governor convened an Advisory Panel comprised of advocates, CCCF program providers, formerly incarcerated individuals, and other experts. From this Advisory Panel, work groups were formed to address issue areas that were of highest priority to members. Work group members devoted hours of their expertise to creating necessary reforms to address the failings and harms identified in the GIPA report.

SB 1120 incorporates the recommendations from the work groups and the GIPA report—covering the following areas and providing the comprehensive reforms necessary to address the wide-spread dysfunction within ODOC's prisons.

- Leadership
- Staffing and Training
- Culture
- Access to Courts
- Operational and Facility Improvements
- Discipline
- Support for Survivors
- Behavioral Health Services
- Prison Rape Elimination Act
- Support for Parents and Families

### Quotes from the GIPA report:

***“This place messes with your mental state.”***

—Woman incarcerated at CCCF

***“The rules here are antisocial promoting.”***

—Woman incarcerated at CCCF

***“The walls close in, you hear voices, and you spiral... they call it white wall syndrome.”***

—Woman incarcerated at CCCF

***“We have a bad culture in the way staff interact with the population... cussing at them, telling them ‘Get the f--- away from me’.”***

—CCCF staff member

***“We have done a lot of trauma to [the residents] as a system.”***

—CCCF staff member

***“If you love your community, then you need to be insisting on justice in all circumstances.”***

—Bryan Stevenson



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