



To Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Justice Advocates is a grassroots group in the Portland area that promotes criminal justice reforms, and we members of Justice Advocates strongly support **SB 1120**.

We are especially supportive of the requirements pertaining to women in Coffee Creek. Women currently being only 1% of individuals in Oregon prisons may explain why policies and procedures appropriate for women have been ignored, but this is not a justification. Those staff at Coffee Creek who have been trying to carry out best practices at this facility will surely welcome this legislation's guidance and requirements being applicable to all. This includes hiring of correction staff qualified in a variety of specific ways to work with women prisoners. This includes an understanding of gender-responsive, evidence-based and trauma-informed responses to female AIC's issues in a correctional setting.

We also support the other reforms applicable system-wide, a long and comprehensive list, which include

- legal resources & services
- the grievance system
- unclothed body searches
- addressing behavioral health and survivor issues
- prison rape elimination
- support for children and other family of AIC
- support for transgender, nonbinary and gender diverse individuals
- the importance of treating AIC with respect, fairness, and positivity
- Reentry support
- data keeping & reporting to ensure transparency

We congratulate the Judiciary Committee on sponsoring SB 1120, this very inclusive legislation that will assist Oregon's Department of Correction to institute best practices in Coffee Creek and throughout the adult prison system!

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