



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: House Bill 2685

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am Kim Brockamp, Assistant Director of the Offender Management and Rehabilitation Division for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to testify in support of HB 2685 and answer any questions you may have.

What this Bill Does

HB 2685 removes restrictive language and clarifies DOC's statutory authority to contract with county community corrections agencies to quarter (house) inmates eligible for Work Release and to provide reentry services to these inmates when nearing release from prison.

Issue Addressed by this Bill

A 2011 Budget Note encouraged the department to develop and enter into an agreement with counties to provide evidence-based treatment, employment preparation including work release, and transitional planning for certain inmates scheduled to release within 90 to 180 days of their projected release date.

During the development of these agreements, the department's legal counsel informed us of the statute restrictions prohibiting implementation. HB 2685 has an emergency clause allowing both the implementation of reentry pilot programs authorized by the 2011 Reentry Pilot Budget Note, as well as other collaboration opportunities with community corrections agencies seeking to provide work release and reentry services for inmates nearing release from prison.

HB 2658 was unanimously passed by the House on April 15th and the department welcomes this committee's support of the bill.

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