

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

February 23, 2005
1:00 P.M.

Hearing Room 343
Tapes 44 - 45

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Ginny Burdick, Chair
Sen. Charles Starr, Vice-Chair
Sen. Roger Beyer
Sen. Floyd Prozanski
Sen. Vicki Walker
Sen. Doug Whitsett

MEMBER EXCUSED:
Sen. Charlie Ringo

STAFF PRESENT: Heidi Moawad, Counsel
Dale Penn, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:
Inmate Re-entry into the Community – Informational Meeting

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 44, A		
003	Chair Burdick	Calls the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and opens an informational meeting.
<u>INMATE RE-ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY – INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
014	Max Williams	Director, Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). Testifies on inmate re-entry population information (EXHIBIT A). Discusses recidivism in Oregon.
038	Williams	Talks about the transitional programs available at the DOC (religious programs, alcohol and drug programs, etc.).
065	Williams	Emphasizes good parenting, even within the DOC. Addresses the accomplishments of the DOC in the last few Legislative sessions.
095	Williams	Details a recent DOC parenting program that met with incredible success and was awarded a 3.2 million dollar federal grant. Discusses statistics of parenting programs within the DOC system.
129	Williams	Talks about a recent survey by the Oregon Youth Authority on parents incarcerated within the DOC system.
145	Williams	Explains the Children of Incarcerated Parents program.
181	Sen. Starr	Asks about faith based community outreach in the DOC.
189	Williams	Addresses the faith based community program, Going Home for Good, sponsored by the DOC.
251	Cindy Duran	Chemeketa Community College. Discusses her history as a previous methamphetamine addict.
296	Chair Burdick	Inquires how many children she had during her addiction period.

298	Duran	Replies that she had three children at that time. Goes on to explain how they coped during her addiction.
334	Duran	Talks about being in and out of prison because of her methamphetamine addiction.
394	Duran	Describes some of the prevention programs available in the DOC.
439	Duran	Discusses her release from prison and what post-release programs were available.
482	Duran	Expresses her current situation with school, work, and family.
TAPE 45, A		
035	Chair Burdick	Wonders what her opinion is on the best preventative method available to post-release inmates.
044	Duran	Talks about methods that kept her away from outside influences (drugs, alcohol, etc.) as the best way to stay clean.
054	Chair Burdick	Congratulates the witness on staying clean for nearly four years. Inquires how long it took to return to normal emotional stability.
060	Duran	Replies that it takes a long time away from influences, one and a half to two years, to return to emotional normalcy.
071	Chair Burdick	Asks about drug or alcohol awareness meetings.
073	Duran	Responds that she tries her best to go to all the meetings, but stresses the difficulties with five children.
079	Sen. Prozanski	Inquires what the Legislature can do to assist post-release inmates.
096	Duran	States that methamphetamine addicts will get the drug as soon as they are released back into the community unless there are programs available that keep them away from those influences. Emphasizes the stability that available housing offers.
124	Sen. Prozanski	Wonders what the Legislature should pay attention to, in a budgetary sense, in order to assist incarcerated individuals.
137	Duran	Affirms that, in county jails, the parenting and treatment programs need to be addressed. Details the state programs available at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.
165	Paul Solomon	Sponsors, Inc. Reads testimony on inmate re-entry into the community (EXHIBIT B).
215	Solomon	Continues reading testimony (Exhibit B).
265	Solomon	Continues reading testimony (Exhibit B).
315	Solomon	Continues reading testimony (Exhibit B).
365	Solomon	Continues reading testimony (Exhibit B).
415	Solomon	Continues reading testimony (Exhibit B).
451	Sen. Prozanski	Commends Sponsors, Inc. on their success rates. Inquires as to a past program that spring-boarded Sponsors, Inc. into what it is today and what the Legislature can do to lower recidivism rates.
TAPE 44, B		
039	Duran	Replies that he isn't sure of past programs. Describes the current programs under Sponsors, Inc.
051	Sen. Prozanski	Expresses his desire for more information on the Sponsors, Inc. program, and their success rates.
059	Duran	Discusses the budgetary problems facing Sponsors, Inc. and how they attempt to help as many post-release inmates they can.
080	Judy Bowman	Director, Multnomah County Public Safety Coordinating
	Shiprack	Counsel. Testifies on post-release information.
113	Steve Liday	Assistant Director, Adult Community Justice. Reads testimony on inmate re-entry into the community (EXHIBIT C).
153	Liday	Talks about the barriers facing individuals after their release from prison. Addresses methods that assist post-release inmates.

177	Liday	Discusses the Joint Access to Benefits and the Going Home programs.
194	Liday	Explains the faith based transitional programs available in the DOC. Emphasizes the importance of funding these programs through the next biennium.
237	Sen. Walker	Raises the issue of post-release inmates receiving driver's licenses and other basic needs.
257	Liday	Admits that such a minor inconvenience for others is a true problem for post-release inmates.
269	Chair Burdick	Adjourns the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. Issue Brief, Inmate Transition/Re-entry, Max Williams, 2 pp**
- B. Inmate Re-entry, written testimony, Paul Solomon, 5 pp**
- C. Offender Re-entry, written testimony, Steve Liday, 4 pp**