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DATE: April 4, 2019
TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary
RE: SB 992, relating to community corrections

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

Lane County is in support of SB 992 and the dash 1 amendment and we ask that the Committee insert the dash 1 amendment into the bill and move it to Joint Committee on Ways and Means for further consideration.

In October, 2019, Lane County wrote to Governor Brown asking her to specifically include funding requested by the Criminal Justice Commission for a post-prison pilot project that would be located in Lane County and operated via a partnership with Sponsors, Inc., and the Lane County Parole and Probation Division. That request did not make it into the Governor's final budget proposal and we want to thank this Committee for seeing the value in such a project.

Permanent supportive housing is a concept that we believe in. In this model, the services individuals need to succeed after incarceration will be immediately available where they live. We predict this will improve recidivism rates and truly will become a model for how future investments will be made when it comes to solving some of the most challenging situations communities face. This project has the full support of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

SB 992 is consistent with a number of policy and budgetary investments that have already been made in Oregon, or are under consideration by this Legislature and we look forward to seeing this measure gain the Governor's signature.

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY