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The Honorable Jackie Winters, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Carla Piluso, Co-Chair  
Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety  
900 Court Street NE  
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Salem, OR 97301-4048

RE: Responses to questions asked during Ways and Means presentation on April 11, 2019

Dear Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information related to the Oregon Department of Corrections' (DOC) report on retrofitting the Oregon State Penitentiary Minimum (OSPM) for geriatric adults in custody (AICs). Below is the response to the question asked during the presentation to the Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee.

**1. What potential hospital costs might be avoided if OSPM were to be converted to a geriatric facility?**

Based on a review of hospital inpatient admissions of AICs over the age of 75 for the last year, it's estimated that approximately \$100,000 would potentially be offset over a biennium. This estimate includes DOC staff costs, as well as expenditures associated with ambulance charges.

The revised projected incremental biennial estimated cost is \$23.2 million to operate OSPM as a geriatric facility (the original estimate was \$23.3 million).

Thank you for the opportunity and extra time to research, analyze, and respond to your question. If you have additional questions or wish to discuss any of the information above, we would be happy to schedule a time to meet.

Sincerely,

Colette S. Peters  
Director