

May 15, 2019

To: Chair Jennifer Williamson and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Judge Seth Crawford, Crook County

Re: Support -A3 Amendment to Senate Bill 977A

Thank you for considering this important amendment to SB 977A, which would allow Crook County to begin the process of establishing a justice court in our county.

A justice court in our county would help provide citizens with increased access to justice. We would be able to assist our overworked circuit courts by taking traffic related cases and some civil cases. Justice Courts provide this important service in many rural areas of the state.

Prineville is the county seat and the only incorporated city in Crook County. The -A3 amendment allows us to have the court within the city limits where it would best serve residents. We will make sure to establish a court with involvement and cooperation from our circuit court, public safety, and local stakeholders.

Please adopt the -A3 amendment and pass SB 977.

Thank you very much.

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