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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Co-Chairs:

Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward

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Re: Correction to the ODOC Assessment of Oregon's Prison Footprint Report (February 16, 2021)

Dear Co-Chairs,

The purpose of this letter is to request the deletion of the last paragraph in the Shutter Creek section of the Institution by Institution Resource Guide found within the ODOC Assessment of Oregon's Prison Footprint Report. The specific paragraph has a data error and can be found on page 42 of the report.

This is the paragraph that we request be discarded:

Release planning and programming to improve re-entry and reduce recidivism is another factor to be considered to determine DOC's footprint in the future. DOC's Research Unit analyzed the number of releases from SCCI. Ideally, a transition counselor at the institution from which an AIC releases prepares the individual for a successful release from that institution. This allows the best coordination between the AIC and DOC, Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and local supervision entities. From January 2019 through December 2020, SCCI released 314 AICs. Another 322 AICs who served time at SCCI within a year of release were transported to another prison to complete their release. In other words, more individuals were transferred to another facility prior to release than were released from SCCI due to the remoteness from most AICs' home county. This movement prior to release hampers the goal of comprehensive planning and reach-in from local authorities that are the best practice in re-entry planning.

Thank you for accommodating this change.

Sincerely,

Colette Peters
Director