

I am writing in an unofficial capacity, however, as a county commissioner, I have concerns about the implications, of HB 3035.

Sections 5 and 7 of the bill include mandates for local correctional facilities that go beyond what our County has determined fits our community regarding abortion:

("Whereas adults in custody are reported to lack meaningful access to comprehensive reproductive health care, inclusive of abortion")

Further imposing on local control and local decision-making, Section 6 embeds one or more OHA employees to manage health care for every inmate, and these OHA employees are required to have access to local correctional facilities. At the county level, our staff and current level of high quality services are addressing the needs of our AIC population and bringing in OHA staff raises concerns about the State's involvement in our correctional facility.

I ask the committee to respect the differences which exist in each of Oregon's 36 counties and not support the overarching policies in the 'one size fits all' approach which would be mandated by HB 3035.

Respectfully,

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