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To: House Committee on Judiciary; others

**Re: I OPPOSE [HB 3229]...The Legislature would err by turning down, such an eloquent empire building gambit.**

**[HB 3229] excerpt states, "SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall convene an advisory council to assist in performing the duties and responsibilities described in subsections (3) and (4) of this section." The Criminal Justice Commission is trying to expand their empire. Do not approve their power grab.**

**[HB 3229] excerpt states, "(3) The commission, in consultation with the advisory council, shall develop recommendations for minimum standards, policies and procedures for the provision of health care services to adults in custody in local correctional facilities, including minimum standards for: (a) Qualifications and licensure requirements for health care professionals;..." Why not utilize the Oregon Health Authority and the Community Care Organizations?**

**[HB 3229] excerpt states, "(4)(a) The commission, in consultation with the advisory council, shall develop recommendations for the establishment of a permanent independent commission to exercise on an ongoing basis the duties and responsibilities described in subsection (3) of this section for the purpose of periodically updating and optimizing minimum standards, policies and procedures for the provision of health care services to adults in custody in local correctional facilities." Another "permanent commission" with a juicy budget? Yeah right.**

**[HB 3229] excerpt states, "(F) The frequency at which the permanent independent commission must report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 recommendations to update and optimize minimum standards, policies and procedures for the provision of health care services to adults in custody at local correctional facilities." Ditch the "permanent commission" idea and make the Criminal Justice Commission do their jobs.**

**[HB 3229] excerpt states, "(5) The commission shall present recommendations for the minimum standards developed under subsection (3) of this section, including cost estimates for statewide implementation and possible funding sources to cover those costs, and recommendations for the establishment of the permanent independent commission described in subsection (4) of this section,..." Maybe Oregon needs a "where's the money for this program, permanent commission?"**

To get an appreciation of the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), one must first examine the CJC's budget request for the [2021-23 Biennium] in their quaint (264) page report. The report can be accessed below.

**[https://www.oregon.gov/cjc/CJC%20Document%20Library/CJC\\_21300\\_ARB.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/cjc/CJC%20Document%20Library/CJC_21300_ARB.pdf)**

The CJC already has enough resources, and maybe a tad bit too much resources to have already carried out what is requested in [HB 3229]. One salient budget item is a [10%] reduction in criminal services for released prisoners. Oregon counties are going to love dealings with these "rehabilitated" but mentally deranged criminals.

The CJC should have also planned for this eventuality by first, analyzing the for the "Big, Medium and Small Jails" throughout Oregon, (to break the discussion down to the primitive basics) and constructed model health care proposals using current staff and assistance from the Oregon Health Authority and Community Care Organizations.

**[HB 3229] is an "empire building treatise" and should not proceed any further.**

***Respectfully submitted***

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