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RE: Support for HB 5012

Dear Chair Gorsek, Chair Sollman, Senators Hansell and Prozanski, and
Representatives Grayber, Kropf, Leif, and Stark,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 5012, which appropriates funds to support the functions of the Oregon Judicial Department. The Criminal Justice Commission strongly supports the budget requests of the OJD.

The Criminal Justice Commission has long partnered with the OJD on numerous projects, mostly centered on the collection, sharing, and analysis of data concerning specialty courts as well as court processes more generally. More recently, our agencies have worked closely together to pursue important reforms to the state's pretrial processes framework by collaborating on the development of Senate Bill 48 and initiating an exploratory process examining how the data held by our agencies could be leveraged to create an Oregon pretrial risk tool. Finally, we have also strengthened our collaboration on the funding and oversight of Oregon's specialty courts.

All of these collaborations require significant resources and staff time from the OJD, ranging from work by staff with legal and policy expertise to researchers and personnel with expertise in its data systems. In addition, the work that the OJD has and hopes to continue putting in concerning the state's pretrial processes is significant and includes the coordination of the Chief Justice's Advisory Council and its Pretrial Subcommittee as well as potential future investments in building upon the resources the OJD currently provides to judicial districts related to pretrial services. Given these important functions related to the work our agencies are pursuing collaboratively, as well as the many other essential functions the OJD provides in our state, the Commission respectfully requests full funding for the Oregon Judicial Department.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Sanchagrin

