



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

February 2, 2022

The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

Re: Senate Bill 1510

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee, I am Jeremiah Stromberg, Assistant Director of the Community Corrections Division for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am providing testimony related to SB 1510.

What the Bill Does:

SB 1510 addresses several criminal justice components; however, this testimony is specific to sections related to parole and probation officers. In these sections, three primary areas are addressed: training of officers, conditions of supervision, and contact standards.

Regarding training, the bill requires parole and probation officers to receive training in trauma informed care, culturally responsive services, and de-escalation techniques. DOC supports this approach and recognizes the benefits for officers to receive such training, not only at the beginning of their career, but continually throughout their professional development.

Conditions of supervision have evolved over the years with changing practices and approaches to supervision. DOC supports the changes as amended in this bill, as they reflect the department's current approach to drug use and a recognition that employment – while important – should be addressed through a case plan with the adult on supervision, not as a condition of their supervision.

Lastly, DOC worked with the proponents of this bill to look at continuity in how contact between an adult on supervision and their supervising officer should take place. Supervision of individuals in the community requires a fine balance of accountability, support, and sensitivity to the individual's public life such as work, living arrangements, treatment settings, and availability to report to the supervising office. To develop consistency and ensure supervision is not creating undo hardships on the individual, DOC supports a rule writing process, where the expectations of contact are more appropriate than to be outlined in statute. DOC is committed to convening a diverse group of stakeholders in the rule writing process to consult and educate DOC before final rules have been promulgated.

Requested Action:

Since the 2021 Legislative Session, DOC has worked closely with the proponents of HB 2002 to address the above amendments and others related to community supervision. In 2021, portions

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of HB 2002 passed through other bills, specifically around supervision fees and the expansion of the Earned Discharge Program. The areas defined above were the remaining sections where amendments could be made if consensus was found.

SB 1510 reflects the consensus, therefore DOC is willing to support the sections related to community corrections in this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please free to contact me.

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