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House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Support HB 2506 with amendments

Good morning, Chair Dexter and members of the committee. For the record my name is Lane Magill and I am the current Wasco County Sheriff. I am also the co-chair of the Columbia Gorge Resolution Center Advisory Council.

I am here today to urge your support for House Bill 2506 to expedite the desperately needed expansion of Oregon's behavioral health residential treatment and supported housing capacity.

Oregonians need care and housing where they live and work and right now, as there simply isn't enough capacity to meet that need. House Bill 2506 eliminates roadblocks to siting new treatment facilities and supported housing projects.

I would like to tell you about the Columbia Gorge Resolution Center, (CGRC). This project started 3 ½ years ago and was developed as a regional project between Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties to develop crisis stabilization, treatment, and supported housing capacity.

The CGRC will provide "no-barrier" access for all individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. By providing this capacity, and facilities like it, this will create a continuum of care for individuals who desperately need it.

The CGRC includes a Secure Residential Treatment Facility and Residential Treatment Facility. This facility will increase residential and supported housing capacity for the three county region. Also individuals will be connected to ongoing services available in the community and the state. Some of these services will include, but are not limited to, transitional and supported housing, on-going health care, on-going treatment services, counseling, and other related services for the long term benefits of Oregonians.



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While the CGRC project is in the beginning phases, the relief this bill would offer are needed, and the communities and region this will serve cannot afford any delay to getting these critical resources up and running. I'm asking for your help today to pave the way for smooth completion of the project and others like it.

I also support an amendment to change the allowed facility capacity to "up to 16 beds", to maximize the state's Medicaid match for those services.

As the Wasco County Sheriff, I urge you for your support of House Bill 2506 with the aforementioned amendment. I thank you for the support to our state & county shared services.

Sincerely,
Lane Magill
Wasco County Sheriff