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Senator Janeen Sollman
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Public Safety Subcommittee
of the Joint Ways and Means Committee

RE: SB 5512

Rural Oregon counties need assistance to ensure safe and secure courthouse facilities.

Lincoln County's courthouse has been identified as seismically unstable. This is due to the age of its construction and the physical joining of two very old buildings with no shear wall to prevent its twisting or even its collapse.

Previous reviews identified that renovation costs were exorbitant but now with inflation are beyond reach. It makes more sense to build new than the process of renovation.

As such, resolution of this requires the availability of planning assistance to help less financially resourceful rural counties like Lincoln County with examining building standards, future space needs and development financing for courthouses.

Lincoln County has a cash match and is anxious to initiate these activities surrounding its submission to Oregon Judicial Department through the Association of Oregon Counties for implementation of planning assistance.

Thus, Lincoln County asks that the Public Safety Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee support SB 5512 appropriating moneys from the General Fund to the Judicial Department for certain biennial expenses.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kaety Jacobson".

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