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Chair Prozanski, Co-Chair Thatcher and members of the Committee. My name is Aaron Hartman and I am the Director for Klamath County Community Corrections and President of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD).

I am here today representing OACCD to express the association's support of SB 951.

OACCD in partnership with the Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision have had a strong relationship over the many years of Local Control and State and County partnership. Over time professionals from the Community Corrections field have taken the opportunity to serve on the Parole Board and provide expertise on the day-to-day operations from the field. This information has been invaluable to further inform the Board for decision making purposes when it comes to the Board's responsibility of releasing Adults in Custody from prison back to the community.

This process of Parole and Probation Officers (PPO's) serving on the Board has always been hampered by the inability of PPO's to maintain certification and their police and fire retirement benefit. SB 41 from last session fixed a portion of this by allowing certified officers to maintain certification. However, the second piece of legislation to fix the retirement issue did not make it to completion before the end of last session.

SB 951 continues the effort to remove barriers for service and allow certified officers to participate on the Board and not significantly impact their P&F retirement benefit.

The passage of SB 951 would allow the Board to recruit and retain Parole and Probation Officers from the field and bring their valuable training and experience to the decision-making process without creating a penalty for their service.

OACCD encourages the passage of SB951

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