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Co-Chair Sollman, Co-Chair Evans and members of the joint committee on Ways and Means subcommittee on Public Safety. My name is Aaron Hartman and I am the Director for Klamath County Community Corrections and the President of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD).

I am here to testify in support of SB5504 and directly the Grant-In-Aid funding for Community Corrections. OACCD is asking for continued funding at the 2021-2023 biennium level of 284 million. This amount continues the support of people-centered programming for Adults on Supervision (AOS). The current population of adults on supervision has been reduced by Criminal Justice System reform and legislative law change including the decriminalization of most user quantities of controlled substances.

Current population levels have allowed OACCD and the Community Corrections agencies it represents to effectively assess and respond to individuals' criminogenic needs and provide the right amount of programming and supervision for the appropriate length of time.

OACCD has been and will continue to be a supportive partner in positive system reform. Community Corrections has helped to implement or directly implemented many successful programs and sentencing changes including, Short-Term Transitional Leave (STTL), Earned Discharge (EDIS), the Alternative Incarceration Program and other system wide changes.

I mention this because I do not believe the passage of reform or law change was intended to directly impact Community Corrections Funding in Oregon. But make no mistake, this is what is happening.

Locally Grant-In-Aid funding provides a system of diverse programs and case management strategies aimed at promoting an equitable system helping to build community partnerships supporting many services including Housing, Substance Abuse Treatment, Anger Management, Cognitive Restructuring, Drug Court, Work/Restitution Centers, Education and Employment services, among a number of other life-impacting programs provided Community Corrections in Oregon.

OACCD is appreciative of the Governor's Recommended Budget, however, we would be remiss if we did not recognize that any reduction in funding from the 2021-2023 biennium will impact people, programs and services. This is an unintended consequence of Justice System Reform and it impacts Community Corrections' ability to save tax payer funds through cost avoidance and public safety outcomes and provide an avenue for positive life change.

OACCD and its Community Corrections agencies with the help of Criminal Justice Commission and the Department of Corrections are collecting data related to disparity and equity (within our systems) and will use this information to develop proactive policy driven decisions to enhance our approaches to supervision, case planning, evidenced based sanctions/interventions, culturally specific and trauma informed services and incentive-based programs.

On behalf of OACCD I urge this committee to support Community Corrections and provide the requested funding.

Thank you for your time.

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