



**TO: Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary**

**FR: Michael Wu
On behalf of OR District Attorneys Association**

RE: SB 344 - SUPPORT

March 22, 2023

The Oregon District Attorneys Association (ODAA) thanks the committee for the opportunity to offer written support for the extension of the Justice Reinvestment (JRI) program in the -1 amendment.

Since its inception the JRI program has been a significant resource for county public safety partners to address recidivism and public safety. JRI has helped to fund vital programs such as treatment courts, pretrial release programs, and intensive supervision downward departure programs. JRI has allowed courts, prosecutors, community corrections, probation, law enforcement and treatment providers to fund collaborative programs that benefit offenders and community safety.

In the 2021-23 biennium the program awarded grants to the counties that totaled \$51.3 million. This funding represented a significant portion of the direct funding provided by the state to the counties to enhance their public safety systems and extending the program is crucial to ensuring the continued success of these programs.

ODAA urges the committee to support the extension of the JRI grant program.