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To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety

From: Harvey Mathews, Legislative Director

Re: Answers to questions posed during the May 6th informational meeting on HB 5004

Co-Chair Broadman, Co-Chair Evans, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for giving the Department of Corrections (DOC) the opportunity to respond to the questions posed by the Committee in Tuesday's meeting on our budget, HB 5004. Below we have outlined each question and provided our answer.

1. Co-Chair Evans asked about the success of DOC-operated community corrections in Linn and Douglas Counties compared to the other community correctional organizations (statewide average).

Community Corrections in Oregon is a function of state government operated in partnership with local, county-operated community corrections agencies. Of Oregon's 36 counties, the Department of Corrections (DOC) directly operates Community Corrections only in Linn and Douglas counties. Below is a chart that shows how Linn and Douglas Counties compare to the statewide averages of the 34 other counties on various metrics.

Metric	Douglas/Linn County Average	Other County Averages
% Employed	56.2%	57.3%
Probation Recidivism – Arrest	50.7%	45.0%
Parole/Post-Prison Recidivism – Arrest	43.9%	41.1%
% in Treatment	39.3%	32.9%
Probation Recidivism – Conviction	32.4%	33.1%
Parole/Post-Prison Recidivism – Conviction	31.4%	31.3%
Probation Recidivism – Incarceration	11.3%	9.9%
Parole/Post-Prison Recidivism – Incarceration	14.1%	12.0%

The [2023-2025 Community Corrections Act Report](#) (ORS 423.525(12)) contains a thorough review of metrics involving adults on supervision in the community including demographics, sanctions, and revocations; performance measures; and impacts of Oregon's Justice Reinvestment efforts such as Short-Term Transitional Leave expansion, earned discharge, and the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program.

2. Rep Grayber asked what percentage of the population may be up for compassionate release that are at the end-of-life stages (memory care and hospice care).

This is a challenging question to answer because we currently track only requests for

compassionate release. The ability to query diagnosed medical conditions such as dementia on an agency-wide basis will be possible when we complete our transition from paper files to electronic health records in the coming year.

If an AIC, their friends, or family wants to request an early medical release, their request starts with the Oregon Board of Parol, whose procedures are detailed [here](#). The Board of Parole reaches out to DOC's Offender Information and Sentence Computation (OISC) office to check the AIC's statutory eligibility for early medical release. If eligible, the Board then reaches out to DOC Health Services for the AIC's medical information.

Below is a chart that contains early medical release statistics from the Parole Board for the last 4 years:

2021	2022	2023	2024
Applicants: 13	Applicants: 29	Applicants: 24	Applicants: 22
*Not Eligible: 7	*Not Eligible: 14	*Not Eligible: 11	*Not Eligible: 8
Eligible: 6	Eligible: 15	Eligible: 13	Eligible: 14
Denied: 4	Denied: 10	Denied: 6	Denied: 7
Approved: 3	Approved: 3	Approved: 7	Approved: 6
Passed: 0	Passed: 2 (within 2 weeks of applying)	Passed: 0	Passed: 2 (1 approved, but passed the day before (within 1 week of request), 1 passed within 3 weeks of request)

*Not Eligible means they were not eligible for early medical release due to their sentencing per OISC.

3. Rep Chotzen asked about the costs associated with AIC healthcare, especially those who suffer from conditions that are extremely expensive.

Factor VIII (blood disorder) is by far the most expensive individual AIC treatment averaging \$108,432 per month per AIC. Below are the top ten most expensive general medical classifications for the last two years.

Medical Classification	Total Monthly Amount Expended (Average)
INJURY/POISONING	\$451,840.03
NEOPLASMS	\$399,375.97
CIRCULATORY	\$342,502.03
MUSCULOSKELETAL	\$326,719.38
DIGESTIVE	\$311,148.69
BLOOD	\$198,479.37
SYMPTOMS/ILL-DEFINED	\$187,012.99
NERVOUS	\$185,779.66
INFECTIOUS/PARASITIC	\$112,167.55
GENITOURINARY	\$111,694.45