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The Honorable Senator Anthony Broadman
The Honorable Representative Paul Evans
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Ways And Means Subcommittee On Public Safety
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Letter of Support for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission and House Bill 5005

Co-Chair Broadman, Co-Chair Evans, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways And Means Subcommittee On Public Safety;

The Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) is an organization dedicated to providing leadership, advocacy, and support services to community corrections agencies throughout Oregon. OACCD's mission is to positively impact clients, support victims, and enhance the safety and livability of communities throughout the state.

On behalf of OACCD, I am writing to express our strong support for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) and House Bill 5005.

As an organization committed to the effectiveness, equity, and safety of Oregon's community corrections system, we recognize the essential role that the CJC plays in advancing data-driven policies, providing critical funding, and ensuring accountability in our justice system.

House Bill 5005 provides crucial funding to the CJC, enabling it to continue its work in supporting evidence-based criminal justice systems, prison diversion programs, specialty court funding, facilitating research and analysis, and allocating grant resources to local agencies. The CJC's commitment to transparency and effectiveness has led to improvements in community corrections outcomes, reduced recidivism, and enhanced public safety across the state.

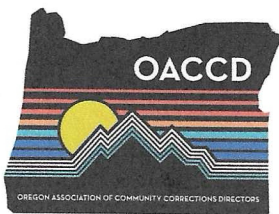
Community corrections agencies rely on the CJC's research, technical assistance, and funding allocations to implement rehabilitative strategies that reduce incarceration rates and improve outcomes for individuals under supervision. This partnership has also led to a decrease in projected state prison beds while maintaining safe communities. In some areas of the state, grant funding for specialty courts could not come to fruition without CJC funding. The continued investment in these programs which originated by way of House Bill 3194 (2013) and as outlined in HB 5005, is essential to maintaining a fair and effective justice system in Oregon.

We urge the Joint Committee to fully support House Bill 5005 and the funding it provides for the Criminal Justice Commission. The work of the CJC is indispensable in ensuring that Oregon's criminal justice policies are informed by data, guided by best practices, and focused on rehabilitation and public safety.

Finally, OACCD would be remiss as an organization to not emphasize the need for a fully funded community corrections system to ensure the continued success of the Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP). Like Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, a robust JRP requires a solid financial foundation by way of community corrections baseline funding. According to the Oregon Department of Corrections' recent Actual Cost Study, baseline funding at \$18.18 per client per day is necessary to maintain current services and a successful JRP collaboration. Similar to JRP, SB1145 was created during the 1995 Legislative Session and has proven successful as evidenced statewide in many ways through effective local programs, cost effective interventions, and sanctions. OACCD asks you to also consider the unintended consequences associated with funding Community Corrections below the "true costs" determined by the Actual Cost Study.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improving Oregon's justice system. We appreciate your consideration of this important legislation and look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to enhance community corrections and public safety.

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