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**To: Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety**

**From:** Chief Marcia Harnden, Albany Police Department  
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

**Date:** February 13, 2023

**Re: SB 5005 - Testimony in support – Criminal Justice Commission Budget**

**Co-Chairs Evans and Broadman and members of the committee,**

For the record, I am Marcia Harnden. I am the Chief of Police for the City of Albany and I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) to provide testimony in support of SB 5005, the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) budget.

The CJC provides several important services to the State of Oregon, including data analysis, technical assistance and grants that are utilized by Oregon Public Safety agencies. We would like to begin by noting that the Criminal Justice Commission is respected by the wide range of stakeholders who care about our public safety system in Oregon. They are rightfully viewed as a fair and impartial organization that wants to “get it right” when it comes to analysis of data. As decision makers, you depend on data that is trustworthy to make important decisions about funding and policy. As law enforcement leaders, the analysis and technical assistance the CJC provides is helping us to address inequities and better ensure the most just outcomes in policing. Thank you for funding the Criminal Justice Commission to perform this important work.

As mentioned previously, the Criminal Justice Commission also manages some critically important grant programs that are evidence-based and measured for outcomes to ensure that results justify your investment. I would like to share a few highlights of what this funding has accomplished and supports.

- The Justice Reinvestment grant program (JRI) funds prison diversion programming, focused on reducing prison usage while also reducing recidivism and keeping communities safe, for nonviolent offenses.
- According to a 2023 study, JRI has saved the state at least \$634.5 million in state-costs avoided since the program began and provided local community justice systems about \$200 million

- The grant program supports a variety of locally driven prison diversion options, including but not limited to: community supervision, treatment services and supports, and reentry services, such as peer mentoring and assistance with housing, education, and employment
- A 2023 study found that JRI funds 192 positions across the state, including probation and community supervision positions but also positions such as treatment service providers and specialty court judges across 33 counties
- Participation in the JRI program has helped improve coordination, communication, and accountability discussions within local justice systems
- JRI facilitates conversations about evidence-based practices among local leaders and stakeholders
- JRI provides nearly \$5 million for victims' services providers in the 33 counties, which is particularly impactful in rural and frontier areas of the state that may have only a few, or in five counties, only one, victims' services provider

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.