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

From: Captain Greg Rice, Lane County Sheriff's Office
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

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**Re: HB 5005 – Testimony in Support
Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Budget (CJC)**

Chair Evans, Chair Broadman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I am Captain Greg Rice and I am the Jail Commander for the Lane County Sheriff's Office. On behalf of the **Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA)**, I submit this testimony in strong **support of HB 5005 and CJC POP 551BH**, which would allocate **\$15 million to support the Oregon Jail-Based Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Grant**. This funding is critical to ensuring that county jails across Oregon have the resources necessary to provide **evidence-based treatment** for individuals struggling with opioid use disorder. Many jails, especially those in smaller and rural counties, **lack the financial capacity** to implement these lifesaving programs on their own. Without this funding, individuals battling addiction are often released without proper treatment, increasing their risk of relapse, overdose, and reoffending.

In the four years that we have been able to provide MOUD services we have been able to initiate 605 people and have been able to ensure another 847 individuals remained on their medications. If it was not for grant support, we would not have been able to provide these services.

Research consistently shows that **jail-based MOUD programs reduce recidivism, improve public safety, and help break the cycle of addiction**. By providing access to treatment while individuals are in custody, we have an opportunity to **stabilize lives, support recovery, and reduce the overall burden on the criminal justice system**. The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association urges the Legislature to fully fund **CJC POP 551BH** and continue supporting **proven, cost-effective solutions** that make our communities safer and healthier. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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