



## Testimony on HB 2555 - Family Sentencing Alternative Program

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Chotzen, Vice-Chair Wallan, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

We are members of the Multnomah County Democrats' Criminal Justice Study Group and we support HB 2555.

The Family Sentencing Alternative Program (FSAP) reduces recidivism and keeps families together.

We would urge you to eliminate the sunset clause and make FSAP a permanent program because it operates in five counties, and it has demonstrated important success over the last decade. Please ensure it can continue creating community safety.

Some of the important work that can continue upon making the FSAP permanent is that qualified candidates are supervised on probation instead of being sent to prison – this costs less money and allows these individuals to receive services within the community.

FSAP allows for true primary caretakers of children (e.g. a grandmother or grandfather is the one taking care of the child, but is not the legal guardian) to receive services.

We urge your support for the Family Sentencing Alternative (HB 2555).

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