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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
Relating to the financial administration of the Judicial Department**

Clackamas County supports HB 5012 to include mediation and law library services.

Clackamas County Resolution Services provides vital domestic relations mediation services for families navigating divorce, offering critical support to when it is most needed, especially for low-income families. POP 129 appropriates \$11.9M GF, including a \$3.2M increase to better align funding with actual mediation costs. This adjustment expands access to services, ensures courts meet statutory requirements, and helps reduce co-parenting conflicts. By fostering longer lasting agreements between parents, the program ultimately benefits children. Additionally, it improves judicial efficiency, reducing the number of cases that require court intervention.

Clackamas County Law Library also provides essential public legal resources that enhance equal access to justice. These resources, including legal information, tools, and support, are available to everyone, with a particular focus on low-income individuals. County law libraries are facing significant challenges, with funding sources nearly depleted. Clackamas County supports increasing funding to \$11.5 million through the next biennium and the formation of a workgroup to establish a long-term solution to funding these programs, ensure continued access to these services, and prevent further strain on vulnerable communities.

We urge a “yes” vote on HB 5012 with amendments.

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