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**To:** Ways and Means Joint Subcommittee On Public Safety

**From:** Sheriff Nick Hunter, Marion County Sheriff's Office  
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

**Date:** March 13, 2025

**Re:** **HB 5004 – Testimony in Support  
Policy Option Package 102 – Grant-in Aid Community Corrections  
Funding**

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

I am Sheriff Nick Hunter of Marion County, and I am here testifying on behalf of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA). OSSA strongly supports DOC POP 102, which increases state grant-in-aid funding from \$15.09 per person per day to \$18.18, aligning with the findings of the 2024 cost study. This adjustment is critical to ensuring counties have the necessary resources to effectively supervise offenders, enhance public safety, and provide vital rehabilitative services.

State grant-in-aid funding plays a crucial role in supporting community corrections across Oregon. Increasing this funding will align with the actual cost of providing these services and will allow counties to:

- **Reduce Probation Officer (PO) caseloads**, improving supervision, allowing for evidence based supervision strategies, ensuring accountability, and increasing overall community safety.
- **Expand access to treatment, housing, and support services**, such as drug courts and cognitive behavioral programs, which are proven to reduce recidivism and promote long-term success for individuals under supervision.
- **Restore critical programs that have been cut due to funding shortages**, including work release programs, specialty courts, and PO positions that are essential to managing caseloads and providing effective oversight.

Without this funding increase, counties will struggle to maintain adequate supervision levels, limiting their ability to intervene effectively and placing additional burdens on local law enforcement. OSSA urges your support of DOC POP 102 to ensure that Oregon's

community corrections system remains strong, sustainable, and capable of protecting our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.