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

From: Sheriff Sam Elliott, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office
             Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

Date: March 13, 2025

Re: **HB 5004 (DOC Budget) – Testimony in Support**
             Support for Adequate Felony DUII Incarceration Reimbursement Funding

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

I am Sheriff Sam Elliott, and I am the Yamhill County Sheriff. I am here today on behalf of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) to testify in strong support of the overall Department of Corrections (DOC) budget and specifically in **support of the increase in Felony DUII Incarceration Reimbursement Funding that was included in the Governor's recommended budget.** This funding is critical to ensuring counties receive adequate reimbursement for the actual costs of incarcerating felony DUII offenders at the local level.

SB 395, passed in 2011, requires DOC to calculate a daily reimbursement rate to cover county expenses for housing felony DUII offenders, **who would otherwise be placed in state custody**. Over the years, DOC has been a strong partner in advocating for additional funding to more accurately reflect the true cost of housing these individuals. **Under the leadership of Director Mike Reese and Deputy Director Jeramiah Stromberg, Sheriffs have benefited from the positive relationship with their team.** The Governor's proposed budget increase aligns with this need and ensures counties are not forced to absorb unfunded costs that strain local resources.

Proper funding of SB 395 beds allows counties to maintain safe and effective incarceration practices while continuing to support local public safety efforts. OSSA appreciates the Governor's recognition of this need and urges the Legislature to approve the proposed funding increase to sustain the partnership between DOC and counties in managing felony DUII incarcerations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.