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The Honorable Senator Anthony Broadman
The Honorable Representative Paul Evans
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Ways And Means Subcommittee On Public Safety
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Date: March 12, 2025

Subject: Letter of Support for the Department of Corrections and House Bill 5004

Co-Chair Evans, Co-Chair Broadman, and members of the committee, for the record my name is Jeff Wood, and I serve as Executive Director for the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD). On behalf of the association, I am here to support the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) by way of House Bill (HB) 5004. I am also here to support Policy Option Package (POP) 102 (Actual Cost Study).

Community Corrections Baseline Funding

OACCD SUPPORTS DOC and POP 102, fully funding the Actual Cost Study recommendation for baseline community corrections funding for 2025-2027.

Senate Bill (SB)1145 (1995) and HB 3489 (1996 Special Session) were enacted by the Oregon Legislative Assembly, which transferred responsibility for the incarceration of people committing felony offenses sentenced to less than one year from the Oregon Department of Corrections to local counties. Under SB 1145, counties also assumed responsibility for people on parole, probation, and post-prison supervision.

With these bills, counties became responsible for increasing access to community-based corrections and treatment services, as well as enhancing supervision, services, and accountability in communities.

County provided services include:

- County parole and probation officers monitor more than 21,000 clients under local supervision.
- Responsive and timely assessments which drive individualized case plans geared towards positive change.
- Substance use treatment and services.
- Behavioral health counseling.
- Dedicated funding for sober housing and stabilization for clients with financial barriers and designed to prevent homelessness.
- Education/employment support.



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Over the years, this successful state-county partnership has resulted in a significant decrease of people under correctional supervision by decreasing recidivism and increasing the success of overcoming addiction, obtaining housing, employment, while also enhancing connections with family and community.

Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 423.486(1), the Oregon Department of Corrections is mandated to submit an Actual Cost Study to the legislature every six years. The objective of this study is to ascertain the time and resources necessary for individuals under some form of local supervision. This effort culminated in a daily rate of \$18.18 per client per day. Although total funding, including the Actual Cost Study, currently stands at approximately \$380 million, we anticipate the April Corrections Population Forecast will decrease this total dollar amount.

The current baseline budget for 2025-27 is \$15.09. While OACCD is *very* thankful the Governor proposed adding \$20 million to the baseline, this funding still falls short of the necessary \$18.18 to maintain evidence-based services and meet our Oregon Administrative Rules expectations. As the overall population has decreased, caseloads have become increasingly complex, with many individuals facing significant behavioral challenges, substance use issues, and unstable housing. Effective supervision, treatment, housing, and other supports are proven techniques to further reduce recidivism and improve community safety. To provide this, adequate funding for community corrections programs is essential.

Please support full actual cost funding for Community Corrections.

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