



Federation of Oregon Parole & Probation Officers

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Support for HB 5004 and POP 102

Co-Chair Evans, Co-Chair Broadman, and members of the committee, for the record my name is Nick Reiten. I served as the past Chair of the Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers (FOPPO) and am the current Legislative Liaison.

FOPPO supports the Oregon Department of Corrections House Bill 5004 and Policy Option Package 102. These proposals would finally fund Community Corrections at the cost study rate of \$18.18, per Adult on Supervision (AOS).

Community Corrections was last fully funded, at the cost study rate in 2006. Since then, supervision strategies, expectations and requirements have vastly changed and become more complex. Our officers have been forced to do more with less each year as the rate of funding has not matched supervision requirements. Our officers utilize risk/needs assessments to focus our attention to the highest risk populations and deliver the best outcomes with the resources we have.

Funding Community Corrections at the actual rate, will allow for agencies to hire more Parole/Probation Officers and implement needed programs. This will help reduce caseloads to realistic AOS/PO ratios and better implement evidence-based strategies. This will allow our officers to better supervise AOS's, work on effective behavior change, uphold accountability and increase safety in our communities. Additionally, funding would support programs that help AOS's access housing, treatment, peer services and other opportunities for growth and change. FOPPO urges your support in fully funding Community Corrections at the \$18.18 rate.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Nick Reiten