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RE: Support for HB 3180

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Chotzen, Vice-Chair Wallan, and members of the committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 3180 which provides funding to the Oregon Judicial Department for the Washington County courthouse replacement planning project.

Ensuring Washington County's courthouse meets current community needs is an important priority. As district attorney, I have seen firsthand throughout my career an urgent and pressing need for expanding and modernizing our courthouse. We are in desperate need for additional judges, court staff, courtrooms, and other infrastructure improvements to ensure we provide essential justice system services to the community. I believe HB 3180 is an important step toward addressing these issues and ensuring access to justice.

Thank you again for your attention to this important matter and I welcome the opportunity to assist in any way.

Sincerely,

Kevin Barton

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District Attorney for Washington County