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I am currently a private investigator operating in Crook County. It has become increasingly evident that the compensation for private investigators has not kept pace with inflation. Therefore, I believe it is both reasonable and necessary to increase the hourly rate from \$55 to \$75.

Private investigators typically do not receive paid sick leave, vacation days, or other benefits that are standard in many professions. This proposed rate increase would help cover these essential costs, as well as the operational expenses associated with running a private business.

I am uncertain as to why the previously requested implementation date of July 2025 can not be met. I strongly encourage addressing any barriers that may be preventing this adjustment, as it is crucial for maintaining the viability of our profession.

Moreover, there is a significant shortage of private investigators in our region. Establishing a competitive pay rate is essential to attract and retain qualified professionals, ultimately enhancing the availability of critical investigative services throughout the state of Oregon. Thank you for considering this important matter.

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