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OREGON STATE SENATE

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TO: House Committee on Judiciary

RE: Support for HB 3180

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for House Bill 3180, which appropriates \$1,250,000 to the Judicial Department for the Washington County Courthouse Replacement Planning Project. I currently serve as the State Senator for Senate District 15 in Western Washington County, which includes Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, and the Rock Creek area.

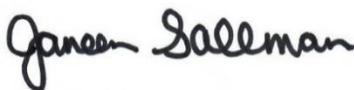
Washington County is the second most populous county in Oregon, serving an estimated population of 611,272 Oregonians. The Washington County Courthouse was built in 1930, and received its last seriously updates and renovations in 1972.

Since 1972, when the population was roughly 137,000 people, the Courthouse has not received any major updates. The current courthouse has \$12 million in deferred maintenance needs. Requiring a roof replacement, water system repairs, and expansions to meet the population demand just to name a few.

The goal is to plan for a modern, safety compliant, and trauma informed facility with enough courtrooms to allow judges and staff timely access to justice across our County. It would provide more space, no longer forcing attorney-client meetings to be held in hallways or forcing defendants and victims to share the same spaces. This plan would also add more parking and wider courtroom aisles, which would no longer cause barriers for people with disabilities.

HB 3180 addresses key safety and physical concerns, by allocating \$1.25 million in matching state funds for planning the replacement of Washington County's historic 100-year old Courthouse. For these reasons, I urge your support for HB 3180.

Sincerely,



Senator Janeen Sollman
Senate District 15