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Executive Director

METROPOLITAN PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES, INC.

March 20, 2025

Re: **Support for HB 3180**

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice Chair Chotzen, Vice Chair Wallan, and Members of the Committee:

I am the Executive Director of Metropolitan Public Defender (MPD), a 501(c)(3) non-profit law firm, which is the largest trial-level public defense service provider in Oregon. MPD is the primary provider of public defense services in Washington County. I write to express MPD's support for HB 3180.

Rather than provide duplicate information, I generally agree with the written testimony of Presiding Judge Guptill dated March 20, 2025. The Washington County Courthouse is not adequate for the current volume of cases, the projected increase of case filings and the increase in population. HB 3180 is an important step in meeting the needs of the public and legal community in Washington County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carl Macpherson