



## Public Safety Service Area

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Co-Chairs Broadman and Evans, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland's Public Safety Service Area and the Portland Police Bureau, I am writing today to express our support for elements of the Criminal Justice Commission's budget as represented in House Bill 5005. The City of Portland's public safety bureaus work tirelessly to enhance the safety and wellbeing of our residents and visitors alike. The State of Oregon, through CJC and other agencies, is an important partner in our work.

The Portland Police Bureau has been a recipient of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG), an important federal funding administered by CJC. In Portland, JAG funding has most recently helped to address an increase in illegal street racing activity which requires an enhanced police presence, increased coordination with other government entities, and additional supplies needed for pursuit prevention and termination.

The City of Portland is deeply committed to the successful implementation of House Bill 4002 and our local deflection programming. Through the state's investments and the work of the CJC, we have worked with Multnomah County to establish the Coordinated Care Pathway Center, designed to connect community members to recovery services as an alternative to legal system involvement, if eligible. From the date the center opened in September 2024 through February 2025, the Portland Police Bureau was able to transport over 200 individuals to the center. The reforms made by the state legislature along with the investments in deflection have been a critical part of our progression as a community as we continue to work as a community to respond to the fallout of the pandemic and the explosion of fentanyl on our streets. Having the opportunity to offer individuals who are using drugs on the street a pathway to treatment and other services is an important link that we must continue to support and amplify at every level of government. We are pleased to see continued grants offered in the CJC budget for deflection programs. This funding must continue to help Portland, and all other communities serve people in the cycle of addiction.



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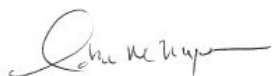


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We also appreciate the continued prioritization of the Restorative Justice Grant Program within HB 5005. While the City does not benefit directly from these grant funds, partner organizations have benefited many times over. For instance, this grant has helped fund a program at Lutheran Community Services, that trains officers to refer qualifying cases to a victim-centered dialogue process for accountability as an alternative to adjudication. This programming and many others help to fortify efforts to increase public safety in our community while also reducing recidivism rates. Finally, I would also like to recognize and call out state investments in tamping down on retail theft, administered by CJC, through the newly formed Organized Retail Theft Grant. In late 2024, the Portland Police Bureau received funding from this program, which has allowed PPB to conduct focused missions in high theft areas identified through crime data analysis.

For these reasons, and more, we urge your support of HB 5005.

Sincerely,



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