

- TO: Sen. Anthony Broadman, Co-Chair Rep. Paul Evans, Co-Chair Members of Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety
- FR: Bryan Brock On behalf of OR District Attorneys Association
- RE: HB 5005 SUPPORT

March 27, 20, 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support from the Oregon District Attorneys Association for HB 5005.

HB 5005 appropriates money for the funding of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). The prosecutors of Oregon appreciate their partnership with the CJC and look forward to continuing our shared objectives.

Every County in Oregon has received Justice Reinvestment grants that fund community-based treatment programs. These funds along with treatment court grants have been successful in reducing recidivism and money spent on incarceration. These valuable programs cannot continue without grant funds and neither the benefits nor the progress made will continue without grant funding. We believe this is money well invested and support these two grant programs in full.

ODAA additionally urges support for the funding of Policy Option 550BH. The Behavioral Health Deflection grants have been instrumental in the creation of deflection programs in 28 of the 36 counties in Oregon. With most programs having only begun in September 2024, we are just now beginning to track the results and success of these programs. The 40-million-dollar policy option requested in 550BH will allow for the continuation and expansion of these programs. We continue to seek refinement in the formula used to distribute these grant funds and are dedicated to continuing our work with the CJC and grant funds committee to ensure distribution of these funds in a fair and equitable manner.

Lastly, the Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement grant program is strongly supported by ODAA. Through this program we have created eight new Deputy D.A. positions to combat the illegal manufacture and distribution of marijuana in Oregon. This is another success story that we urge your continued support.