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DATE: April 3, 2025
TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety
FROM: Vanessa Cornwall, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Officer
RE: HB 5005, Relating to Financial Administration of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

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

For the record, my name is Vanessa Cornwall, and I am the Intergovernmental Relations Office for Lane County. This morning, I'm here to speak in support of a well-funded CJC and urge adoption of HB 5005 and the associated policy option packages in the Governor's Recommended Budget. The GRB includes critical funding that counties need to fight the addiction crisis on our streets including additional funds for the Jail-Based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Program and the extension of one year Deflection funding from HB 4002 into the 2025-2027 biennium.

That said, I'd like to raise two issues for the Committee's consideration

- First, regarding the Behavioral Health Deflection funding in the GRB, you will likely be hearing other bills that would lift the \$150,000 limit for smaller counties. We support that idea as the successes we've had in Lane County is due in part to having some resources to secure transitional housing for our participants and provide for other critical basic needs. However, if that floor is lifted, we would urge you to increase the overall allocation. We would note that the \$40 million for Deflection in the GRB really doesn't include an inflation adjustment for the \$20.7 million appropriated for one year in the 2024 short session. We would urge you to provide additional funds to the Deflection line item that enhance the county program delivery of services.
- Secondly, I would note that the GRB doesn't include continuing funding for the \$10m portfolio of IMPACTS projects via the CJC that are supporting critically important programs around the state that are at the intersection of criminal justice and behavioral health. This funding is critical for our Forensic Intensive Treatment Team in Lane County.

Lane County strives for seamless integration across public safety, behavioral health programs, municipalities, and community-based treatment providers to address addiction challenges. The CJC plays a unique role in facilitating local service integration, and we deeply appreciate their partnership. They have efficiently implemented HB 4002, thoughtfully managed data collection, and collaborated genuinely with local partners. Lane County recognizes the CJC as one of the highest-performing agencies in state government.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY VANESSA CORNWALL, LANE COUNTY
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