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For the record I am Union County Commissioner Paul Anderes. I am also a retire high school teacher of 32 years. I am in full support of HB2405.

Eastern Oregon University (Oregon's Rural University) is well positioned to provide continuing education to Adults in custody.

Overwhelmingly research shows that the education justice involved individuals pays significant dividends in reduced recidivism.

It seems to be a much better investment in education than a much more expensive investment in incarceration.

I urge your support of HB2405 and Eastern Oregon University's efforts to better all citizens.

Thank you for your time, Paul Anderes Paul M. Anderes Union County Commissioner 1106 K. Ave La Grande, OR 97850 panderes@union-county.org 541-963-1001

