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DATE: May 1, 2025  
TO: Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response  
FROM: Vanessa Cornwall, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Officer  
RE: HB 3069, Relating to Public Safety

Dear Co-Chairs Prozanski and Kropf, Co-Vice Chair Mannix, and Members of the Committee:

Lane County writes in support of HB 3069, as amended by the -1 and -2 amendments. This bill represents a significant and thoughtful restructuring of how Oregon supports local public safety efforts through coordinated, performance driven investments that promote accountability, efficiency, and community health.

HB 3069 appropriately establishes the Oregon Public Safety Coordinating Grant Program within the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), aligning and streamlining a range of previously siloed funding streams including Justice Reinvestment, Treatment Courts, Deflection, Restorative Justice, and IMPACTS. This unified structure will allow counties to develop integrated public safety plans and apply for resources in a strategic, goal-oriented way.

Lane County especially supports the provision transferring administration and funding formula authority for the Deflection Program from the Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) to the CJC. The CJC has a well-established track record in administering public safety grants with transparency, accountability, and robust data evaluation. Centralizing this authority within CJC helps ensure consistency across programs, enhances alignment with other public safety investments, and reduces administrative complexity for local jurisdictions.

The competitive grant criteria outlined in the bill reflects a thoughtful approach and aligns well with how Lane County is shaping our deflection efforts. Based on this committee's discussion around the definition of deflection, the proposed criteria are a good fit for assessing impact and prioritizing effective programming. However, while counties support performance-based funding, they also rely on predictable, stable funding streams to design and calibrate local systems. If counties use current funding to expand partnerships and infrastructure—as many are in the process of doing—but then lose access to that full funding through a shift to a competitive model, the result will be funding gaps that undermine these investments. In such a scenario, counties will likely return to the Legislature to request emergency funding to sustain essential services. To avoid this outcome, we urge a careful balance between competitive innovation and baseline stability.

HB 3069 demonstrate a strong commitment to modernizing Oregon's public safety funding systems. With continued partnership and a more measured rollout of changes to the deflection funding structure, this bill will help local communities deliver smarter, more effective justice solutions.

**ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY VANESSA CORNWALL, LANE COUNTY  
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