



To: Rep. Jason Kropf, Gillian Fischer (LPRO), Ryan Keck (CJC)  
From: Partnership for Safety and Justice  
Re: HB 3069 -1 and -2 (deflection)  
Date: April 30, 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to CJC grant funding. Our comments and suggestions are in three categories: incentives, accountability and equity. These suggestions are outlined below and apply primarily to JRP and Deflection Programs.

### **Consolidation of Grant Programs/General Comments/Commission Membership**

We support the overall direction of the work behind HB 3069 to ensure ease and consistency in public safety grants. Because this consolidation eliminates numerous grant committees, there is a risk of having a lack of diversity and expertise in how programs are evaluated and receive funding. To ensure a balanced commission, we suggest a balanced group of government and community based representatives with no fewer than two people with lived experience with the justice system. We appreciate Section 30 (2) considerations and additionally suggest:

#### **Section 30(2) - Page 36-37:**

**“Total membership of the commission shall be numerically equal between representatives of public bodies and community-based representatives. No fewer than two people with lived experience in the criminal justice system shall be appointed. This may include community-based service providers with lived experience, including a survivor of crime.**

### **Accountability for Grant Funds**

For JRI, there are some applicants who have not adhered to program goals, but have continued to receive funds even if the Grant Review Committee recommended ending the funding. The Commission should remain empowered to end funding to counties not complying with the grant goals and reallocate to programs that are succeeding or heading in that direction, provide technical assistance to help potential grantees, or decline to fund the full request. There was language removed by this amendment that we'd recommend adding back in to meet these accountability goals (removed language can be found at the top of pg. 9 of the -1):

#### **Section 1 (6) - New/Reinserted Language, Page 9/10:**

**Provisions allowing the commission to deny grant funds to counties not complying with grant terms and goals, provide technical assistance to potential grantees, or decline to fund the entire grant award.**

**Incentives**

The -2 includes smart incentives for the deflection program. We particularly appreciate the incentive for rural counties to collaborate, as these communities are historically underfunded, often have limited programming available, and lack transportation for people to get to what services are available. We would recommend that this incentive be applied to other grant programs as well: (Section 56 (B) b:

Competitive funding preference given to:

**(F) Programs that fund historically underserved and culturally specific services to meet needs within the county**

**(G) Programs that reduce state incarceration rates.**

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