

Jackson County Community
Justice

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Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

RE: Support for Senate Bill 5531 (2025)

Dear Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Nosse, and Members of Capital Construction Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

I am writing to request your support of **SB 5531** for a capital investment in a new step-out housing facility that will significantly strengthen outcomes for Adults on Supervision (AOS) in Jackson County. This program represents the next evolution in our efforts to provide individuals with the tools and environment they need to successfully transition from supervised settings to independent, stable living.

We are seeking a capital investment of \$1,000,000 to support the construction of a 12-bed housing facility that will serve AOS transitioning out of the Transition Center and/or custody. Due to complex barriers such as mental health challenges, substance use disorders, legal restrictions, and limited community ties, these individuals are among the most challenging to house. Without structured support, many fall into cycles of homelessness and recidivism.

The proposed housing will offer more than shelter—it will be a foundation for lasting change, supported by eager community partners with expertise in:

- Behavioral health and recovery services, including peer mentoring
- Employment training and job placement
- Financial literacy and budgeting workshops
- Basic needs provision such as food, clothing, and hygiene support

This investment will create a safe, recovery-focused space where residents can gain independence and develop skills for community success.

Thank you for your support of funding this important program to our community.

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