

## **Board of Commissioners**

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Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction 900 Court Street NE, S-323 Salem OR 97301 Sen.FredGirod@oregonlegislature.gov Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction 900 Court Street NE, H-277 Salem OR 97301 Rep.RobNosse@oregonlegislature.gov

RE: Support for Oregon Senate Bill 5531 (2025)

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

We, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, strongly support and request your support for the inclusion of an appropriation in Oregon Senate Bill 5531 (2025) to support Jackson County's Community Justice Department's Transitional Housing Program. Our Community Justice Department plans to create a step-out housing option for Adults on Supervision (AOS) and expand its current Transitional Care Program at the County's Transition Center. The \$1,000,000 request will be used to expand housing for AOS, who often face significant barriers that make stable housing difficult to secure. By providing housing along with a comprehensive range of support and services, Community Justice can ensure that these individuals receive the stability and assistance they need.

The proposed housing, which will accommodate up to 12 AOS, will serve as a next step toward independent living for those transitioning out of the County's Transition Center. The homes will be designed to foster the development of social and living skills, promote recovery, and offer an opportunity for AOS to save funds while learning and practicing the necessary skills for independent living.

The proposed housing is planned to be constructed next to existing facilities operated by the County. If this funding is secured, the County hopes to begin construction by the beginning of 2026.

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

Sincerely,

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