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DATE: May 9, 2025
TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
FROM: Vanessa Cornwall, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Officer
RE: SB 5531, Relating to Lottery Bonds

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse, and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon Co-Chairs, for the record, My name is Vanessa Cornwall and I am the Intergovernmental Relations Officer for Lane County. I am here to testify in support of Lane County's funding request for \$14.5m to close the capital funding gap for our Behavioral Health Stabilization Center.

Lane County faces a significant need for mental health treatment, and we share your urgency to expand capacity. Last October, we announced a partnership to co-locate our 42-bed Stabilization center with PeaceHealth's 96-bed Timber Springs inpatient hospital. Together, these facilities will greatly enhance treatment access locally, regionally, and statewide with over 8200 and 4300 patient visits annually, respectively.

With the total cost of \$30m, and \$15.5m already secured through county funds, federal grants, and legislative support, this request will close the funding gap needed to build and open the facility.

In addition to our bipartisan delegation's support, I have provided to OLIS additional letters of support from the Lane County Delegation, Lane Board of County Commissioners, community members, stakeholders, and behavioral health advocates emphasizing the need for our facility.

We are grateful for your leadership and consideration of this vital project.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY VANESSA CORNWALL, LANE COUNTY
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