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Re: HB 2234 - Relating to Post-Prison Supervision

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,

As President of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) and Director of the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, I would like to express my support for HB 2234. By eliminating the sunset provision, the bill would allow community corrections departments to continue to place appropriate offenders on "inactive" status. We believe this practice is consistent with evidence-based practice and allows Community Corrections to more effectively manage this population with limited resources.

When a person has been sentenced to felony probation and has his or her probation revoked, that person is sentenced to a period of post-prison supervision under the supervisory authority of the county. This bill continues to allow the person's post-prison supervision status to become inactive after serving half of their supervision period, unless their parole officer requests the case remain on active supervision. Those placed on inactive supervision are in compliance with the terms of supervision, employment status, and treatment program outcomes. This provision keeps county practices in line with those already established by the Oregon Parole Board.

If the sunset is not repealed, offenders must remain on "active" status, and DOC would reimburse community corrections departments for those offenders under local supervision. We believe these resources can be more effectively utilized in alternate ways that are more aligned by evidence-based practices by Community Corrections and the larger public safety system.

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