



## ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS

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Public Safety Sub-Committee, Ways and Means

Co-Chair, Representative Jennifer Williamson & Co-Chair, Senator Jackie Winters; Members: Senator Richard Devlin, Senator Doug Whitsett, Representative Jeff Barker, Representative Bruce Hanna

### **Re: HB 5005: Oregon Department of Corrections Budget**

Honorable Co-Chairs and members of the Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Public Safety, I am Scott Taylor, Director of the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, and President of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD). I would like to speak to the underfunding of Community Corrections and the development of the Actual Cost Study that we submitted.

Per statute, Oregon's Community Corrections Directors partner with the Department of Corrections to develop the budget for Community Corrections in FY13-15. The goal is to establish what counties actually spend to provide community supervision to over 32,000 felons across the state. Essentially, we develop a capitated rate per offender based on two factors: a time study and cost calculations collected from all 36 counties. Per practice, this adjusted rate formed a policy budget package that we believe due to a series of personnel changes did not receive full consideration.

The current service level estimates in the Governor's budget are built upon prior cost estimates from six years ago. Working as we did with all 36 counties for over a year to update these estimates, we know that costs have increased and that this figure significantly underfunds community corrections. We encourage this committee to use the most recent data to establish funding levels. Using either the old or new time study, we have consistently demonstrated that when current cost estimates are used, Community Corrections funding levels should be adjusted upwards.

Without appropriate funding, the supervision provided throughout the state to the 32,000 felons will continue to decline.

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