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DATE: June 26, 2013  
TO: Oregon House of Representatives  
RE: HB 3194 A

FROM THE DESK OF  
REPRESENTATIVE  
**JOHN LIVELY**  
*John Lively*

I write to ask you for your affirmative vote on HB 3194-A.

This bill has seen an enormous amount of work that stretches out far before this session. I see it premised on two related principles.

The first came from SB 1145, initiated by the 1995 Legislative Assembly. That bill invested in local public safety under the belief that local government was the first line of defense, and closest to implementing solutions. I believe strongly in the power of local government but the investment from 1145 was rarely adequate. This policy measure will ultimately be connected to funding that establishes a new baseline for 1145 funding. The new baseline is extremely important and HB 3194 further refines the 1145 system.

The second originated in Washington DC as a Department of Justice, "Reinvestment Initiative", A JRI suggests that savings from one part of a public safety structure should be reinvested elsewhere in that structure, much like Oregon has already done with health care reinvestment. That this bill takes savings from prison construction and operations and places them into the hands of local structures. Just as Lane County has taken its role within health care transformation seriously, so too will we approach the utilization of the new resources provided by HB 3194.

Finally, I hope you will recognize and appreciate the approach we took with our recent public safety levy. Our voters agreed to fund additional jail beds in our community. HB 3194 compliments their recent action by providing dollars that we will invest into prosecution, supervision, specialty courts, and treatment programs. This bill couldn't have come at a better time for our County, and I believe it will help us leverage the federal action we need to fully restore public safety adequacy that Lane County residents clearly expect their government to provide.

Help us tell the story of this local, state, and federal partnership by casting your vote in support of HB 3194 A.

SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER LEIKEN BY ALEX CUYLER, LANE COUNTY  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER *AC*