



To: Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety

From: Kevin Campbell, Executive Director
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

Date: February 9, 2015

Re: Testimony in support of Criminal Justice Commission Budget

Chair Shields and Williamson and Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety,

For the record, my name is Kevin Campbell and I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police. I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association to express our support for the Criminal Justice Commission Budget.

As you know, as a part of their mission, the Criminal Justice Commission provides research and analysis on a wide range of critical public safety issues and manages grant programs that are targeted to achieve public safety system objectives. It goes without saying that the reputation of the agency as a competent and honest broker of information both with public safety stakeholders and legislative decision makers is essential. As we work to insure that our public safety system is efficient and just, I can testify that CJC is a trusted and independent partner.

With the passage of HB 3194 in 2013, the OACP and OSSA along with the wide range of public safety stakeholders are working in partnership to improve public safety outcomes and to reduce both short and long term costs to the system. The Criminal Justice Commission is providing decision makers in communities throughout the state the data necessary to make informed investments in effective programs and the CJC is managing the justice reinvestment grant funding to insure that the Oregon's accomplishes strategic objectives. As is already clear from the CJC budget presentation, justice reinvestment is a success story with significant savings and avoided costs to Oregon. This isn't just about finances however. Programs that result in successful and sustained re-entry and reduced recidivism mean that there is less victimization an increasing number of Oregonians who are leaving our justice system to lead more productive lives.

The Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association are committed to work with you and other stakeholders in order to continue the HB 3194 success story. We are hopeful that you will make justice reinvestment funding at \$58 million a priority for the 2015-17 biennium in order to continue the positive results we are achieving together.

Sincerely,

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