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SB 5504 – Department of Corrections Budget

OACCD SUPPORTS THE CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET FRAMEWORK THAT PROVIDES FULL, BASELINE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND IS THE BACKBONE OF 3194.

Community Corrections agencies provide community supervision including parole, post prison and probation services in all 36 Oregon counties. We have been full partners in SB 1145 (1995) and work collaboratively with the Department of Corrections to provide effective services to our clients that enhance long term public safety in our communities.

This budget (\$244,000,000) allows us to continue rebuilding programs that have been cut over the past 3 biennia and provides the foundation on which we can build with Justice Reinvestment funds.

We are committed to evidence based practices required in SB 267 (2003) and can do so effectively only when stable and adequate funding is provided.

We support funding of the Justice Reinvestment to continue the work begun after the initial investment last session and avoid opening new prison beds. State Grant in Aid dollars work hand in hand with Justice Reinvestment funds to provide a robust community supervision model.

A few examples of what this investment has provided:

- Over 35,000 prison bed days saved through the expansion of Short Term Transitional Leave (STTL) where we supervise offenders in the community at a rate of \$10.17 per day (15-17 rate) compared to the prison rate of \$95.42 per day (15-17 rate).
- Prison diversion and increased accountability through wraparound services
- Transitional housing
- Expanded Alcohol & Drug Treatment
- Restarted a GED program
- Mentor services

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