



Oregon Coalition for Safety and Savings

Individuals and Organizations Working Together to Find Better Ways to Fight Crime

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SB 5506

Oregon Newspapers Support Justice Reinvestment!

The Register-Guard

May 17, 2015

"It's working. Before HB 3194, the state inmate population was projected to grow by 1,000 inmates over a four-year period, triggering the re-opening of a prison in Madras in 2014 and the opening of a new prison in Junction City in 2017. Instead, inmate populations have leveled off and are projected to decline slightly over the next few years."

ALBANY Democrat-Herald

April 13, 2015

"Underfunding the community programs seems to be a quick path to failure. If the community corrections programs fail now, the next step will be to spend again on new beds in prisons. The phrase that comes to mind is "penny wise and pound foolish."

SOUTHERN OREGON'S NEWS SOURCE

Mail Tribune

May 24, 2015

"In 2013, the Oregon Legislature did a good thing...invest more money into community corrections, drug and mental health treatment and probation, all proven to reduce recidivism at far less cost than incarceration.

In Jackson County, additional funding would, among other things, help add desperately needed slots for treatment programs and be used to fill two long-vacant positions for release officers, who assess which prisoners are the best candidates for early release and treatment."

Statesman Journal

June 3, 2015

"Fewer criminals have re-offended. For individual Oregonians, that means fewer people becoming victims of crimes. For taxpayers as a whole, that means fewer dollars needed for additional prisons.

That would mean increased services for crime victims, so they can get the counseling and other assistance needed to get on with their lives.

That would mean more offenders being placed on intensive probation, so they get full-fledged substance abuse and mental health treatment, learn to handle life's challenges, and get jobs."

**From The Desk Of
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