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HB 4116 – Creates Task Force on County Jail Inmate Health Care Coverage

### **OACCD SUPPORTS HB 4116 – WHICH ESTABLISHES A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO MORE EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE FOR HEALTH COVERAGE AND TREATMENT FOR INMATES INCARCERATED IN OREGON.**

Community Corrections agencies provide community supervision including parole, post prison and probation services in all 36 Oregon counties. We know that health coverage is a critical component to successful transition from custody back into the community. Historically, most of our clients have not had any health coverage. Now, that is changing with the Affordable Care Act. However, coverage while in custody or in our transition facilities is not available. At the same time, heroin use is skyrocketing in very corner of our state and addictions and mental treatment has never been more critical

This treatment is rarely possible without health coverage. Our jails, work release facilities and transition centers spend millions of dollars paying for medical costs every year. HB 4116 will bring all the constituencies together to develop effective strategies to more effectively address this issue.

We urge you to support HB 4116.

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