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## SB 844: Statement of Support to Establish Inmate Trust Account for Transitional Fund & Victims

Senate Judiciary Chairman Floyd Prozanski, Co-Chair Senator Kim Thatcher, and members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly's Senate Committee on Judiciary, my name is Steve Berger and I am the Director of Washington County Community Corrections. I am providing written testimony on behalf of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD).

Consistent with best practices in victims' services, restorative justice, and close consultation with crime victim advocates and survivors, the OACCD wishes to voice support of SB 844; specifically, the creation of procedures for the Department of Corrections (DOC) to collect funds from an inmate's trust account for court-ordered financial obligations and a transitional fund.

Senate Bill 844 further defines key terms, such as eligible moneys. It specifies the percentage of funds that DOC may collect from an inmate's trust account and how those funds are dispersed, including establishing a priority tier system for payment of court-ordered financial obligations.

The opportunity for inmates to take responsibility, repay victims, and financially plan for their transition back into the community is laudable. Further, the outlined priorities for applying collected funds will ensure Court ordered restitution and compensatory fines are directed to victims first.

Thank you for your consideration.

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