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To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Public Defender of Marion County
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Re: Support for HB 3078, The Safety and Savings Act

Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jessica Kampfe and I am the Executive Director of the Public Defender of Marion County. Our organization is appointed by the court to represent indigent people charged with crimes in Marion County. The Public Defender of Marion County supports the Safety and Savings Act (HB 3078).

Oregon is on the cusp of opening another women's prison to house a population of women largely convicted of non-violent felonies. Many of these women's criminal behavior is addiction driven. Women offenders frequently have personal histories that include trauma, mental health, and addiction. These root causes of criminal behavior are better addressed through treatment in the community than through incarceration.

Marion County has successfully used justice reinvestment funds to divert prison bound property offenders into intense treatment focused probation programs called "416" and "416+". The district attorney's office works to early identify property offenders whose criminal behavior is driven by addiction and to offer those individuals treatment-focused probation. Once a person is accepted into the 416 programs the person must plea guilty to a felony before being sentenced to 60 days in jail and supervised probation. The jail term is served at the Marion County Work Center where the probation officer contacts the individual and starts wrap around services. These include signing up for OHP, enrolling in out-patient drug and alcohol treatment, connecting with mental health providers, and securing clean and sober housing. Once released from the work center the individual has an established relationship with their probation officer and an individual treatment plan in place. The results are impressive. By treating the root causes of criminal behavior the 416 program is increasing public safety, re-unifying children with their parents, and saving money.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Again, I ask for your support for the Safety and Savings Act (HB 3078), and I urge the Committee to move this bill forward.

Sincerely,



Jessica Kampfe
Public Defender