



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Jeff Barker, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

RE: House Bill 2545

Chair Barker and members of the House Judiciary Committee, for the record, I am Jeremiah Stromberg, the Assistant Director of Community Corrections for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to share information related to HB 2545.

What the Bill Does:

HB 2545 allows deception detection examination administrator to proctor deception detection examination.

Issues Addressed by the Bill:

The department recognizes there may be utility in the use of deception detection examinations for purposes of community supervision. Holding offenders accountable for their behaviors is an important aspect to supervising those on probation and parole. Part of that accountability comes through encouraging honesty. From direct interview style questions to polygraph examinations, these tools and techniques aid parole and probation officers in their quest to keep the public safe, prevent future victimization, and work with the individual in developing new skills and abilities.

In the age of technology, we must be diligent to pursue those tools and resources that aid us in our mission. House arrest equipment, GPS monitoring, smart phone applications, and deception equipment are all instruments that increase accountability and public safety.

As you determine how best to allow the use and oversight of this type of equipment, from employment interviews to law enforcement, know that we may find that it benefits our ability to more safely and effectively supervise those under correctional control.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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