



## ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS

### SB 690A:

#### Statement of Support to Certificates of Good Standing

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House Judiciary Chairman Jeff Barker, and members of the Committee, my name is Scott Taylor and I am the Director of Multnomah County Department of Community Justice. I am testifying in support of SB 690A on behalf of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) and Multnomah County.

The Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors supports SB 690A and offer our support to continue to refine the current legislation. This bill allows for an individual on post prison supervision or probation to petition to receive a Certificate of Good Standing which they can present when seeking employment, housing, or applying for certain licenses.

People who are successfully completing the conditions of their supervision and actively working to change their lives often suffer from the collateral consequences of their involvement in the criminal justice system. Housing and employment options can be limited, as many landlords will not rent to convicted felons and employers can be reluctant to hire them. Earning a Certificate of Good Standing will be helpful to those offenders who are working hard to get their lives back on track.

A Certificate of Good Standing is an important tool because it establishes a formalized process for determining who is eligible for the certificate and a consistent method across the state in determining who warrants the receipt of the certificate. It can also hold more influence than a letter of discharge which only provides proof that community supervision was completed. The goal is that this certificate will recognize and reward the positive efforts of parolees and probationers as they work to reintegrate into our communities.

Another important aspect of this bill is that receipt of this certificate is entered into the Law Enforcement Data Systems (LEDS). This is important for those individuals who are often moving and working to find a permanent place. Having a paper copy in addition to tracking it in LEDS will allow access to the certificate should it be lost or misplaced.

I appreciate the work that has been done by committee members to establish a process and look forward to working with our partners to implement it.

In summary, I respectfully request that you support SB 690A. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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