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Co-chairs Winters and Stark and members of the committee:

I am writing in strong support of HB 3078, legislation that is essential for strengthening our efforts to deliver the most effective supervision and services to those involved in Multnomah County's justice system.

As co-chair of the Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, I am committed to ensuring that our community is safe and just. That means holding people accountable for their offenses, but also holding ourselves accountable for the outcomes of our criminal justice system. We know our community is safer when we provide the services and treatment people need to get their lives back on track. And for many years Multnomah County has been working collaboratively to improve public safety and the effectiveness of our justice system.

The Safety and Savings Act is a smart step forward. It will enhance existing efforts and build on the effective work already underway. These changes will strengthen our ability to deliver wrap around services and successfully support probationers and parolees where they live. We support the proposals in this bill to:

- Support expanded eligibility of the Family Sentencing Alternative program by allowing a greater number of parents facing incarceration to participate, including pregnant women;
- Target the biggest drivers of the female prison population through sentence reductions, and use those avoided costs to develop more programs for women to alleviate the need for a second women's prison;
- Expand Short Term Transition Leave to 120 days; and
- Invest averted costs into Justice Reinvestment and the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund.

Our Community Corrections, Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office play key roles in achieving the best outcomes to hold individuals accountable and reduce recidivism. We are committed to investing resources wisely in order to create safe and strong communities. We know that incarceration doesn't always result in the outcomes we want. The Safety and Savings Act is another step towards ensuring we get those results.

Sincerely,

  
Deborah Kafoury  
Multnomah County Chair