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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Re: HB 5004 Department of Corrections

Senator Winters: “HB 5004 is the budget bill for the Department of Corrections. The Department manages and rehabilitates felony offenders sentenced to more than 12 months of incarceration by the courts. The agency is responsible for the security and safety of more than 4,600 employees and 14,500 inmates in 14 correctional institutions around the state, as well as providing medical, dental, mental health, and pharmacy services to all adults in custody. DOC directly operates the community corrections system in Linn and Douglas counties and funds community corrections operations in all other Oregon counties.

The Public Safety Subcommittee approved an all-funds budget of just over \$1.75 billion, with 4,605 positions and 4,572.07 FTE. A General Fund budget of \$1.7 billion supports 97.3% of the agency’s expenditures, with \$42.5 million of Other Funds and \$4.4 million Federal Funds. The recommended budget supports legislative actions taken in 2016 to expand prison capacity at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution in Madras, and to continue making improvements to the Behavioral Health Unit at the Oregon State Penitentiary, but it does not include funding to open an additional women’s prison, and further reduces General Fund expenditures by a total of \$15.6 million to address the statewide budget gap.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5004 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”