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HB 2355-A:

Support for Re-classing Felony PCS to Misdemeanor

The Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors wish to voice support of the reclassification proposal reducing the felony crime classification of possession of controlled substance (PCS) to a misdemeanor crime within HB 2355-A. The intent of the reclassification will mitigate unintended consequences associated with a simple felony PCS conviction such as employment, housing, education, parenting and volunteer opportunities.

A crucial component of this PCS reclassification preserves the necessary supervision and services providing a path to recovery for those with substance abuse addictions. Community Corrections currently provides case management, need and risk assessments, community supervision, cognitive interventions, and access to treatment. The commitment to maintain funding for “designated drug-related misdemeanors” within HB 2355-A ensures evidenced based interventions directly linked to formal supervision.

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