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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
HB 5005: Justice Reinvestment Funding

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners urges your consideration of providing \$52 million in justice reinvestment funding, consistent with the agency's request and estimated statewide needs. This funding would help Clackamas County increase much needed capacity in treatment and transition services for assisting people in our community rather than in prison.

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 3194 to slow prison growth and save taxpayers more than \$300 million. As community-based programs become increasingly successful, funding that is not needed to account for prison growth is used to fund programs that keep prison populations low.

Clackamas County has historically had some of the lowest recidivism levels in the state, and justice reinvestment funds ensure that the county can provide services for offenders beyond the basic level, including:

- Transition Services, including Transition Center, Transitional housing and mentor services for Short Term Transitional Leave (STTL) clients
- Expanded capacity for inpatient drug and alcohol treatment

While the Legislature graciously funded justice reinvestment programs at \$40 million in 2015, an increase in funding would ensure that Oregon is avoiding other and more burdensome costs associated with recidivism. Again, we urge your support for enhancing this funding to \$52 million in the 2017-2019 biennium.

Please contact Chris Lyons at clyons@clackamas.us for more information.