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DATE: February 6, 2019  
TO: Ways and Means sub-committee on Public Safety  
RE: SB 5506 and the Criminal Justice Commission 2019-21 budget

Co-Chairs Winters and Piluso and Members of the Sub-Committee

Lane County pays particular attention to the Criminal Justice Commission's budget because this small agency continues to play a very large role in ensuring a variety of public safety programs in our region are able to operate. Public safety service delivery is the most important governmental service our residents expect and rarely do they distinguish between the sources of funding for it. The Criminal Justice Commission recognizes this and has been a terrific partner in ensuring our local public safety system is operating efficiently and has sufficient resources.

Here are our requests of the sub-committee:

- First, please restore the \$3.7M general fund to the Governor's proposed reduction of that same amount to the Justice Reinvestment Initiative program. JRI funding joins with Community Corrections Act funding, Lane County General Fund, and a temporary property tax levy to support a host of activities coordinated by our Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. These combined resources are working to minimize prison utilization and reduce recidivism in Lane County.
- Second, we want to emphasize that Lane County's Parole and Probation Division partnered with Sponsors, Inc. to seek \$3.1M in pass through funding for post-prison supportive housing within this budget. That proposal did not make it into the Governor's Recommended Budget and remains a priority for Lane County. Additional supportive housing will further reduce recidivism and is a needed system element in our ongoing work to break cycles of addiction.
- Finally, we fully support the work you are doing to adequately maintain funding for Specialty Courts. As we endeavor to build a new Courthouse to serve the Lane County Circuit Court, these courts are becoming more and more functional and integrate well with county programs addressing mental health, addiction treatment, veterans' services, and family law issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to present Lane County's public safety priorities. We look forward to future collaboration with the Criminal Justice Commission.

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