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House Bill 3419

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Chair Holvey, Vice-Chair Williamson, Vice-Chair Wilson, and members of the House Rules Committee, my name is Jay Scroggin and I am the Adult Division Director for the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice. I am here to speak on behalf of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) and would like to thank you for the opportunity to meet with you today regarding House Bill 3419.

Community Corrections serves the public by helping to make our communities safer by efforts to rehabilitate justice-involved individuals. Community Corrections accomplishes this by providing supervision, services, and sanctions that are focused on the sole purpose of behavior change. The strategies we utilize are evidence-based practices that have been proven scientifically both locally and nationally.

Many of these practices have informed the development and implementation of policies that have resulted in legislation that supports the behavioral change process. Some examples include structured intermediate sanctions, transitional leave, earned discharge and alternative incarceration programs. These are proven best practices and play an important role in our work as we deliver supervision, services, and sanctions. We use these practices to correct poor behavior or provide incentives for good behavior and performance within the State's Community Corrections systems. Good behavior and performance on supervision in the end has positive results on recidivism rates.

When these practices are unavailable as a result of a plea agreement, it limits the tools Community Corrections has to change behavior and can serve to be a barrier to success. In the end it can limit our ability in helping to keep our communities safe.

OACCD is supportive of the changes outlined in House Bill 3419 that will allow us to continue using tools such as structured sanctions, transitional leave, and earned discharge. As an association we believe in incentives - it helps us do our work to facilitate positive change in the justice-involved individuals we are working with. In short, HB 3419 ensures we can continue and possibly expand using these valuable tools across the State of Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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