



Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

RE: HB 5006

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey, and members of the committee, I am Jim Paul, Assistant Director of the Administrative Services Division for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to provide testimony specifically on section (1) (4) of House Bill (HB) 5006, which includes potential funding for four specific items for DOC.

The first item is the Corrections Information System (CIS) Tool Upgrade in the amount of \$1,650,000. The CIS is one of several essential information management systems utilized for statewide felony tracking and management. Every day, criminal justice professionals statewide use the data provided by these systems to make decisions about people under their supervision, and about the effective operation of state prisons and county community corrections offices. This funding would modernize this core business application, originally developed in the late 1980s, with a 'green screen' user interface. Modernization of CIS would be accomplished by purchasing new software tools to upgrade the existing CIS interface environment, substantially improving accessibility and facilitating much more efficient data exchanges with counties and other business partners (ex. Board of Parole and Oregon DOJ).

The second item is the radio systems replacement in the amount of \$13,998,225. DOC operates and maintains an agency-owned wireless communications system for use within each institution. Each system operates independently at each location, and DOC currently needs to replace radio systems at 10 of these locations. These systems were originally identified to be part of the State of Oregon Communications System addressed in the State Radio Projects. However, DOC was not able to upgrade these radio systems at that time due to lack of funding. These systems have been in operation for 15 years or more, and the equipment manufacturers have discontinued both repair programs for components and parts support. This has resulted in the inability to maintain the equipment in a reliable operating condition. The six locations in Salem would be consolidated on a multisite system due to their close proximity, with single site systems installed at the remaining four locations. It's estimated these replacement systems will meet current and future communications needs for the next 15-20 years. All replacement systems will be standardized and interoperable with the ability to communicate with state and local emergency services first responders, when needed.

The third item is the camera systems upgrades in the amount of \$8,633,804. Camera systems are a critical component to maintaining public safety in holding 14,700 adults in custody accountable for their behaviors while incarcerated. Cameras allow staff to safely monitor multiple areas and rapidly respond to fights, assaults, and other adverse activities inside institutions in a timely manner preventing additional loss of property, injury, or even death. DOC currently operates and maintains agency-owned camera systems at 14 institutions and other facilities, which have had sporadic updates through the years based on the limited availability of funding. Additionally, many of these systems are already out of warranty and manufacturer support. Ten locations currently need camera system upgrades which include additional storage capacity and enhanced viewing capabilities made possible by more modern equipment and additional camera locations. These camera systems are a necessary tool to help manage and keep the staff, visitors, contractors, and AICs safe. Failure of these systems could result in substantial impacts to our ability to maintain life, health, and safety in DOC institutions.

The fourth and final item is deferred maintenance in the amount of \$24,478,039. As part of a recent DAS contract with the Faithful and Gould consultant, DOC received a statewide Facility Condition Assessment of all the DOC-owned facilities. According to this assessment, DOC has a current need (through 2018) of \$208 million in both Capital Improvement and Renewal and Deferred Maintenance at facilities across the state in order to protect and preserve the \$2.1 billion-worth of DOC infrastructure. If left unaddressed, this need will continue to grow and reach \$428 million by 2028. Due to the various types of construction materials and systems used across the institutions ranging from 10 years to 150 years in age, DOC faces significant challenges in preserving the useful life of these assets. This deferred maintenance funding would be applied to high priority needs which include electrical systems, HVAC, plumbing, roofs, and other various building elements.

In summary, these capital construction components of HB 5006 are critical to the department. An organization of our size and complexity faces enormous challenges due to the age and mission of our buildings, the types of systems we employ to meet our mission, and the nature of emergent needs that are a constant reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

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