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## OACCD Supports SB 1002B

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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 SB 1002B for the following reasons:

- It will allow us to continue using tools such as structured sanctions, Short Term Transitional Leave (STTL), earned discharge, and **Alternative Sentencing**. These tools serve as incentives and helps us do our work to facilitate positive change in the justice-involved individuals we are working with.
- STTL and Alternative Sentencing is consistent with incentive based practices. These require the inmate to both behave appropriately, and or participate in programming to "earn" incentives like STTL and or **Alternative Incarceration Program (AIP)**.
- Earned Discharge is outlined in Oregon Administrative Rules as an "earned" incentive for performance while on supervision and allows Community Corrections to divert resources to the highest risk offenders.
- Early one year recidivism analysis by the Criminal Justice Commission show that individuals who were released on STTL perform better than the "matched" like offenders who were not given this opportunity to earn their early release.
- Because of the resources the State applies to these types of programs, the re-entry is more seamless and collaborative with DOC.



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