



**TO: Rep. Janeen Sollman, Co-Chair
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Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety**

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RE: Support for HB 5012

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer support from the Oregon District Attorneys Association (ODAA) for HB 5012.

HB 5012 appropriates money for the funding of the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), a crucial partner of Oregon's District Attorneys in ensuring community safety, and ODAA urges support for the funding of the Judicial Department.

The prosecutors of Oregon enjoy no closer partner in their daily work than the Oregon Judicial Department. We work in the same courthouses, share the same communities and the mission of ensuring access to justice for all members of our community.

ODAA urges support for the funding of OJD and specifically urges funding for:

- An adequate number of trial court judges to handle criminal caseloads.
- Full funding for OJD's technology systems.
- Continued investment in upgrading or replacing Oregon's courthouses.

Full funding of OJD is crucial to being able to deliver access to justice for all Oregonians. We would respectfully urge the committee to support the passage of HB 5012.