

Dear Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair Sollman, Senators Hansell and Prozanski, and Representatives Graber, Kropf, Leif, and Stark. As Chair of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer our support for HB 5012. The importance of public safety and justice services cannot be overstated. The vital partnership between the County and the Oregon Judicial Department plays a critical role in many areas that lead toward increased public safety. To that end, Douglas County believes strongly that having an appropriate number of trial court judges to handle caseloads is very important. For the safety of all our citizens, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners asks you to fully fund the budget requests made by the Oregon Judicial Department and support passage of HB 5012.