



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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TO: Representative Bynum
Chair of the House Judiciary Committee

SUBJECT: HB 2002 – Justice Reinvestment 2021

The Oregon Department of Justice is committed to making law enforcement fairer at every level, ensuring that underrepresented Oregonians have better access to justice, and that regressive policies are reviewed and reformed. That is why our office has engaged in collaborative efforts with law enforcement, community groups who represent impacted communities, and criminal justice reform advocates to pass legislation to curb police profiling, sweeping reform of our juvenile justice system, and more.

We are deeply appreciative of the work of the various advocacy organizations supporting HB 2002 to lift up the voices of communities of color, who are disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system. We also agree that additional reform to Measure 11 is long overdue.

At the same time, HB 2002 an extensive bill which includes numerous policy proposals with far-reaching impacts on various aspects of our criminal justice system. These are complicated issues, and we want to ensure that the proposals in this bill are properly vetted to ensure that we understand all its consequences and fine-tuned to avoid anything unintentional.

We do have several concerns about the bill as it is currently written, but we also understand that there are numerous potential amendments to HB 2002 in the works. To the degree that a work group is formed on HB 2002, we would be grateful to participate. We are also committed to working together on amendments to address the issues we've spotted that need some additional work.

Thank you.

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