

To: Senator Prozanski, Chair
Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Date: February 2, 2022
Re: SB 1510

Multnomah County, the most populous county in Oregon, is home to approximately 766,135 residents, and is responsible for providing a wide array of services to our diverse communities in an equitable and inclusive way. At the County, we operate to foster safety, trust and belonging for our community throughout the work, services, and programs we provide, including the state's largest Community Corrections program.

Our services are designed to give people involved in the justice system an opportunity to change for the better. That includes those at-risk for committing a crime, accused of a crime, in detention, or on parole, as well as those who have been negatively impacted by criminal behavior. We exist to address the underlying issues that lead to criminal behavior, and to help people heal.

SB 1510 furthers the goal of fostering safety, trust and belonging in our community by reinforcing Multnomah County's practice of including culturally specific services and training for those involved in the justice system and staff. The inclusion of people with lived experience in the rule making for community corrections will help expand the vision of programs and make the overall process better.

Multnomah County is committed to evidence-based practices and providing the ability for Community Corrections to address the risk, need, responsivity of each supervised person and their goals for success. We are committed to helping to develop culturally specific services, adapting the location, and frequency of in-person contacts and attempting to avoid the unnecessary hardships.

We want to thank all of those who were involved in the process of developing SB 1510, and encourage your support.