



**TO: Sen. Janeen Sollman, Co-Chair  
Rep. Paul Evans, Co-Chair  
Members of Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety**

**FR: Amanda Dalton  
On behalf of OR District Attorneys Association**

**RE: HB 5514 - SUPPORT**

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer support from the Oregon District Attorneys Association for HB 5514.

HB 5514 appropriates money for the funding of the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ), a close and crucial partner of Oregon's District Attorneys in ensuring community safety.

The prosecutors of Oregon appreciate their partnership with the Oregon Department of Justice. We share the same mission of public safety and ensuring access to justice for all members of our community. Daily, Oregon's prosecutors work collaboratively with DOJ investigators, analysts, resource prosecutors, criminal justice division prosecutors, trial division attorneys, appellate division attorneys and crime victim advocates to help keep our communities safe.

In addition to our general support of this bill, ODAA urges support for the funding of Policy Option Packages #305-309. These packages would ensure that the Oregon Department of Justice's Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) would be able to continue to support crime victims in Oregon. Specifically, funding for Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Children's Advocacy Centers, community-based violence prevention grant programs, trauma-informed training and grant programs, and victim assistance related to wrongful conviction compensation lawsuits are crucial investments that need to be made.

ODAA would like to highlight its support for POPs 308 and 309. POP 308 provides \$10 million for Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services to help programs across Oregon to provide lifesaving and changing services to the survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. POP

309 would provide \$6 million to provide permanent and affordable housing for the survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

ODAA urges support for both funding requests. Oregon's prosecutors and District Attorney victim advocates have a firsthand understanding of how stable housing and wrap around services can make a meaningful impact on a survivor's recovery from domestic and sexual violence. Survivors of these heinous crimes must be supported as they recover from the trauma that has been inflicted upon them. We work closely and in collaboration with the community-based programs which need this funding to continue the difficult but vital work that they perform and as partners we recognize the invaluable role they play in the support of survivors. We know that many times the shelter services, housing assistance and other services our partners provide are crucial in allowing a survivor to feel supported enough to navigate the court system to seek justice.

Finally ODAA would like to highlight its support for POP 253 which funds necessary and specialized resources to timely process internet crimes against children cybertips, actively investigate sex offenders, and teach children and community groups how to recognize and avoid on-line exploiters and predators. This funding would address the disparity in resources between Oregon's staffing compared to those of its neighboring states. Oregon has 5 FTE dedicated to internet crimes against children and received 4,873 cybertips in 2021 while Washington has 31 FTE and received 5,973 cybertips, and Idaho has 24 FTE and received 1,100 cybertips.

We would respectfully urge the committee to support the passage of HB 5514 with the above noted policy option packages.