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OACCD and the Oregon Pretrial Justice Network Support Oregon Judicial Department's POP 101 re: SB 48 Implementation

The Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors and the Oregon Pretrial Justice Network (OACCD Charter Group) support the Oregon Judicial Department POP 101.

Since the inception of Criminal Justice Commission Justice Reinvestment (JRI) grant funds with the passage of HB 3194 in 2013, some counties have allocated JRI funds to support local pretrial justice programs that would not otherwise have been funded. With the passage of SB 48 in 2021, Oregon's legislators and OJD confirmed a renewed interest in pretrial programs across the state, including additional state funding, establishing clear jail release guidelines, reducing reliance on money bail and strengthening safety for crime victims and the community.

Since SB 48's inception, OJD has hired approximately 20 Release Assistance Officers (RAO), primarily in jurisdictions where no pretrial justice program previously existed. These efforts expanded pretrial justice programs across the state and allowed for consistencies in practice and increased collaboration between OJD and previously existing county pretrial programs. Moving forward OJD strives to adhere to common organizing principles from successful programs such as the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA) standards and best practices.

OACCD supports the OJD POP 101's continued implementation of SB 48 by adding approximately 45 OJD RAO staff, continuing efforts toward development and implementation of a pretrial assessment tool, and improving a statewide pretrial justice case management and data information system for improved data collection and analysis to guide future policy and decision-making. Further, additional state funding would support the implementation of pretrial programs with release guidelines such as intake, pretrial assessment, release decision/recommendation and court notification as well as pretrial monitoring and accountability of defendants to imposed release agreements.

OACCD and the PJN support POP 101 which will assist to provide full state funding of evidence-based pretrial justice programs in Oregon across the state, including historically underserved communities, and safeguard the further advancement of pretrial justice reform in Oregon.

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