



Testimony in support of SB 344  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Submitted by Paul Solomon, Executive Director  
Mar 22, 2023

I write to you today to support SB 344, extending the sunset of the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program to 2033.

Sponsors, Inc., is a national leader in the delivery of Reentry services. We operate 20 buildings on seven sites in Lane County with over 200 units of housing for men and women with criminal histories and ancillary programs. Over the last decade, we developed strong working relationships with our state and county public safety partners, none more so than Lane County Parole and Probation. We attend trainings together, share office space, and work in concert to assess and address the needs of the populations we serve.

The investments made by the Justice Reinvestment program have resulted in a significant reduction in the utilization of state prison beds, have made great progress in reducing recidivism, and have provided community based social support services, including transitional housing, permanent supportive housing (for both men and women), behavioral health services, and mentoring .

We recognize that the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program is just one of many programs, services, and grants that the Criminal Justice Commission oversees. We appreciate the work of the CJC to continue to support public safety programs and the work they do with stakeholders across Oregon.

We ask that you support SB 344, and the -1 amendment to continue funding and operating the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Solomon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Solomon" clearly legible.

Paul Solomon, Executive Director