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TO: Chair Prozanski, members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
FROM: Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Affairs Manager,
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RE: Support HB 2405A

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), representing Oregon's county governments, I am writing to you today to urge your support for House Bill 2405A to ensure that when persons are court ordered to out-of-county restoration services, they do not find themselves stranded there when charges are dropped.

Since Judge Mosman's 2022 order began accelerating the discharges from the Oregon State Hospital of individuals on aid and assist restoration orders, at least one person from an outlying county has been discharged from OSH directly to the streets of Salem.

As the state and counties are concentrating our efforts on coordinated emergency homelessness response, House Bill 2405A is a simple measure to ensure that we are not simultaneously adding to the problem by stranding persons in crisis.

AOC urges your support for HB 2405A and we thank you for your support for state-county shared services.

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