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

Dear Members of the 2023 Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

The Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) and the Oregon Pretrial Justice Network (OACCD Charter Group) **support the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) POP 101** because it strengthens pretrial programs across the state of Oregon with proven standards and best practices.

In 2021, SB 48 affirmed the legislature's commitment to pretrial justice programs in Oregon. It **strengthened the safety of crime victims and the community** by reducing the use of bail, establishing clear jail release guidelines, and bringing consistency in practice to existing pretrial programs. SB 48 established clear guidelines for essential program design, including: intake protocols, pretrial assessment, release decision/recommendation, court notifications, pretrial monitoring, and **accountability of defendants** to imposed release agreements. It also funded 20 Release Assistance Officers (RAO) in jurisdictions where no pretrial justice program previously existed.

The model being implemented in Oregon is based on prior successes in other jurisdictions across the country and reflects **standards and best practices** from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA).

The 2023-2025 OJD POP 101 would fund a critical next step in the development and implementation of a pretrial assessment tool for jurisdictions in need, including an additional 45 RAOs. It would also continue progress on a new statewide pretrial justice case management and data information system, which will allow for more **data-driven**, **solutions-focused decisions** around pretrial policies and practices.

Now, more than ever, Oregonians need smart investments into criminal justice system improvements to meet the needs of our communities, uplift historically underserved jurisdictions, and safeguard the further advancement of pretrial justice reform. OACCD and the PJN urge you to fully fund OJD POP 101.

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