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District Attorney

April 27, 2023

VICE CHAIR PAUL SOLOMON
Reentry Services Representative

To: Joint Committee on Ways & Means

Re: Support for Lane County Behavioral Health Stabilization Center

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Dear Co-Chair Steiner, Co-Chair Sanchez, and Members of the Joint Committee:

The Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) would like to express our support for state General Fund to be allocated for the Lane County Behavioral Health Stabilization Center.

The PSCC is a legislatively mandated advisory council for the Board of County Commissioners and is charged with planning and coordinating services to prevent and reduce crime and increase the sense of safety within our communities. We are committed to making sure there is a continuum of programs and services with which to promote healthy behavior and healthy safe communities. We are keenly aware that ensuring early systematic intercepts is critical to these outcomes and necessary to prevent and reduce high fiscal and societal costs of crime in our community.

Stabilization centers are a missing link in the behavioral health continuum of care and we believe they are an infrastructure that will result in lowered costs in the overall system. Behavioral health needs are unique to each region, and local crisis centers will have expertise to serve those seeking immediate support in the local area.

The Lane County Behavioral Health Stabilization Center is an essential facility for both the Community Mental Health Program and local law enforcement. It will provide 24/7 walk-in crisis services that will address the gaps in current service options and make behavioral health care accessible and equitable to our most vulnerable populations and an alternative to incarceration.

Lane County is requesting \$5 million from the Oregon General Fund to help with the costs of developing the behavioral health stabilization center. The County has identified an appropriate site already under their ownership and has reserved over \$8M in federal and local funds for the project. Behavioral health needs continue to rise and become more complex, the proposed center will better meet these needs and our aligned goals/

Sincerely,

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District Attorney,
PSCC Chair