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TO: Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response
FROM: Alex Cuyler, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager
RE: HB 4002, relating to the addiction crisis in this state

Co-Chairs Lieber and Kropf, and members of the Joint Committee:

The Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted a series of principles in support of Measure 110 reforms. As these apply to the dash 1 amendment, I offer the following comments:

Section 26 and 62, Definition of the proposed qualified deflection program

- We find that the requirement for “one additional contact with the program following the screening” to be in-sufficiently defined. As you have heard in testimony, recovery from addiction often requires multiple attempts and intensive supports for each individual. “One additional contact” should not be considered as an adequate metric to demonstrate improved access to treatment.

Section 67, Expansion of Welfare Holds

- While Lane County supports the 72 hour hold language for a sobering center, it is our understanding that “sobering” is not qualified for Medicaid reimbursement because often the individual cannot consent to that service, and is not well defined as to whether it is actual treatment. Thus the resources for this service are hard to come by (Lane County has in the past supported the one sobering center in our County via Justice Reinvestment funds) and the measure should either prescribe funding for this service or direct one or both of the task forces identified in the measure (Section 12 and Section 16) to return to the Legislature with a funding plan for these enhanced hold services.

Sections 36-39, Supervision Duty and Funding

- While Lane County applauds the proposed amendments to ORS Chapter 423 to ensure there is adequacy of funding for drug related misdemeanor supervision, we ask that the Joint Committee take action to amend ORS 137.540 (2) (e) such that a person under supervision for a drug related misdemeanor is prohibited from using or possessing controlled substances.

Section 62, Funding for Qualified Deflection Program

- Subsection 7 suggests a formula share for the funding of grant funds, which we support, but note that the Oversight and Accountability Council did not to our knowledge create a formula share when Measure 110 was implemented by SB 755. The Secretary of State’s first audit of M110 suggested that the funding model deployed by the OAC was deeply flawed and thus we question the language here. The Committee should explore other county by county funding formulas or direct the Criminal Justice Commission to develop an equitable formula in coordination with stakeholders.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY ALEX CUYLER