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| Date: | February 5th, 2025 |
| To: | Co-Chairs Prozanski and Kropf, Members of the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response |
| From: | Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Affairs Manager Tim Dooley |
| Subject: | Support for HB 3009 |

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 3009. For the record, I am Tim Dooley, testifying on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) is a non-partisan member organization that advocates on issues that unite all county governing bodies and have an impact on county functions, governance, budgets, and services.

HB 4002 created the jail-based medications for opioid use disorder (JMOUD) grant program within the Criminal Justice Commission. Definitionally that program excluded community corrections facilities that are not technically jails but still manage a population of adults in custody. This bill expands the definition of “local correctional facility” solely for the purpose of allowing community corrections clients in the custody of the supervisory authority, rather than a jail, to be eligible for treatment funded by the JMOUD grant program.

At the moment, Washington County’s community correction center is the only county facility that meets this definition, but AOC supports this change to give counties the opportunity to access the JMOUD program should they change how they deliver community corrections services.

Providing public safety is a core county function, and supporting individuals in their recovery from opioid use disorder will help promote public safety and reduce recidivism. Expanding the definition of local correctional facility enables counties to better serve this population and corrects an unintended consequence from HB 4002.

Thank you for your time.

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