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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Testimony in Support of [HB 3009](#)

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Co-Chair Prozanski, Co-Chair Kropf, and Members of the Committee,

I write to you today in **support of HB 3009**, a bill to **expand the definition of “local correctional facility”**. This simple bill has the potential to save lives in Washington County, one of the counties I represent.

HB 3009 slightly expands the definition of “local correctional facility” under the JMOUD program, allowing funds to be used in aligned facilities, specifically Washington County’s Community Corrections Center (CCC). This bill mirrors the language of Section 17 in SB 236.

Last session, HB 4002 provided funding for multiple local programs, including the Jail-Based Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (JMOUD) Grant Program. This program, championed by Rep Pam Marsh (a chief sponsor of this bill as well) fills a critical gap in substance abuse treatment within correctional facilities. Many jails lack access to medical coverage for medication-assisted treatment, leaving individuals struggling with opioid addiction vulnerable to severe withdrawal symptoms, which can be harmful and even fatal. The **JMOUD program helps “local correctional facilities”** provide lifesaving treatment to manage withdrawal, and support adults in custody, as they transition back into their communities with a foundation for recovery.

The CCC is an alternative correctional facility for individuals convicted of lower-level offenses and those transitioning out of jail. It provides a structured environment with employment assistance, housing support, and behavioral health treatment to help **address the underlying causes** of criminal behavior, **including addiction**.

This program saves lives, and this **targeted expansion** is an opportunity to make JMOUD available in a key facility already focused on rehabilitation and reentry. I urge your support of HB3009 (as a **standalone bill, or in a package**) to ensure that more Oregonians in our criminal justice system have access to critical treatment.

Sincerely,

Representative Courtney Neron