



LIBRARY FOUNDATION
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

Date: February 26, 2025
To: The Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety
Re: HB5012

The Library Foundation of Washington County would like to state that we are in favor of HB5012, in particular we are in support of additional funding which would maintain the status quo for county law libraries.

The Library Foundation of Washington County, Oregon (LFWC Oregon) supports the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) and Washington County Law Library (Law Library). The Law Library and WCCLS are departments of Washington County. They share the goal of providing or supporting access to information resources by the public and serving a diverse county containing large and small cities and unincorporated areas, and an ethnically and culturally diverse population. Our most recent grants to the Law Library of Washington County have helped support their LexisNexis Digital Library subscription.

We are in support of an increase of \$2.8M over the \$8.7M proposed by OJD for county law library services which brings the total to \$11.5M. We are also in support of a chief justice to consult with county law libraries for the distribution of the \$11.5M rather than the use of a proportion of filing fees. The \$11.5M would keep county law libraries services status quo throughout the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Library Foundation of Washington County

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