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In the burglaries targeting the homes of Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI), it has been challenging to detain defendants pending trial. In Lane County, for example, even where flight risk is significant, prior bail/detention reforms make it challenging to detain defendants in state court pending trial. As a result, in the AAPI burglary cases, a number of burglary defendants were released, only to flee the jurisdiction. This deprives victims of the opportunity to seek accountability through the criminal justice system. SB 1516A would help ensure that defendants are not released, only to flee and avoid facing a trial.

SB 1516A would also help ensure trial appearance in situations where organized crime increases flight risk. For example, where burglaries are committed by organized crime groups, a crew can burglarize a home and avoid accountability by simply posting \$5,000 or \$10,000 in bail and fleeing the jurisdiction. There is no deterrence or disincentive without assurance that the defendant is likely to appear for trial.