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TO: Honorable Jennifer Williamson, Chair
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Tim Colahan, Executive Director, Oregon District Attorneys Association

RE: HB 3046

Oregon's District Attorneys worked hard in 2013 to help draft and pass HB 3194, creating Justice Reinvestment. Since 2013, District Attorneys have worked with our community safety partners to implement programs funded by JRI in our communities directed at spending resources more effectively with the goals of reducing recidivism, decreasing prison use, protecting the public and holding offenders accountable.

The JRI Grant Program is targeted to financially support Oregon counties to plan, implement, or expand initiatives that reduce recidivism, reduce prison population, increase public safety, and hold offenders accountable. The statement of commitment contained in HB 3064 should be that the goals of the JRI program should be protecting public safety, effectively addressing the needs of those that have addiction and mental health issues, and reducing recidivism, as well as reducing prison population. Ultimately if those are successful, that will directly result in a successful completion of probation and a reduction in the use of prison beds. Focusing solely on prison bed reduction does not reflect the goals stated in HB 3194, which created the Oregon Justice Reinvestment Act.

Thank you for considering our concerns regarding HB 3046.