

## **ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

March 14, 2011  
8:00 a.m.

Dale White Conference Room  
Local Government Center  
Salem, OR

*Note: Minutes are not official until approved.*

*Approved: October 10, 2011.*

#### **Present**

**Members:** Commissioners Jay Dixon (Co-Chair), Mary Stern (Vice-Chair) Cheryl Hukill, Earl Fischer and Mark Labhart; Sheriff Diana Simpson. Participating by phone: Commissioners Ken Fahlgren and Joe Laurance; Mark Royal, Community Corrections Director; and Tim Loewen, Juvenile Department Director. **Guests:** Holly Russell, Executive Director, Oregon State Sheriffs Association and Cathryn Bowie, Electronic Services Librarian, Oregon State Law Library. **Staff:** Alex Cuyler, Public Affairs Director, Lane County; Michael Eliason and Paul Snider, AOC.

Minutes of the January and February meetings were approved as presented.

#### **Affiliate and Associate Organization Reports**

**Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association (OJDDA):** Tim Loewen reported on the following bills: HB 3142 (increasing penalty for assault on youth correctional facility staff), which is supported by OJDDA and for which they would like AOC support; HB 2707 (making juvenile detention the default placement for youth accused of Measure 11 crimes), on which OJDDA is neutral, but which may have a financial cost to counties; HB 3533 (transferring juvenile crime prevention program from Children and Families Commission to Criminal Justice Commission, which

OJDDA requested and supports; and SBs 21 and 22 (relating to education services for youth in detention).

**Oregon Association of Community Corrections**

**Directors (OACCD):** Mark Royal reported on the following bills: SB 730 (limiting incarceration for probation violation to 60 days, absent a new crime), which OACCD supports; SB 728 (extending local control population to those sentenced to 24 months or less), which OACCD does not entirely support, and HB 2168 (extending local control population to those with 12 months remaining on their sentence), which OACCD does not support but could support if it were amended to make the decision local; SB 416 (keeping some repeat property offenders locally under high level of supervision), which OACCD could support with amendments that limit jail time and provide adequate funding; HBs 2672 and 2673 (reducing penalties for drug crimes), which OACCD does not support; and HB 2424 (changing penalties for Measure 73 offenses), which OACCD supports.

**Oregon State Sheriffs Association (OSSA):** Sheriff Simpson reported that OSSA also has positions on SB 728 and SB 416. OSSA strongly opposes SB 728. Sheriff Gordon has done an analysis of the bill and concluded that it will increase the demand on jail beds statewide by about 1,700 beds. SB 416 might have a similar impact, but reimbursement at \$30 per day might work, depending on how many days an offender spends in jail. They might support SB 416 with amendments. The way the system works now, when we do a good job with community corrections, our funding gets cut, then programs close down, and we can expect the recidivism rate to go back up again. The incentives need to change.

Commissioner Hukill advised that they have a recent Attorney General Opinion saying a county can trade restricted road money for unrestricted city money. That allowed them to open two pods. She'll forward the opinion.

On SB 730, OSSA somewhat opposes the bill, but the district attorneys (ODAA) do oppose it. HB 3536 would allow people on Medicaid to be reinstated right away upon release from jail. OSSA supports it. Mark Royal advised that OACCD also supports it. Commissioner Dixon indicated he thought AOC should support it as well.

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