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Legislature Prioritizes Public Safety and Drug Treatment with New Investments

*Committee advances investments in evidence-based programs and grants to
resolve ongoing public safety concerns*

SALEM, Ore. – Building on past investments, today the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety approved millions of dollars to address the drug crisis and other pressing public safety needs amid a tight budget cycle with limited available resources.

"These investments in public safety — like IMPACTS grants and deflection programs — are grounded in data and focused on delivering real positive change in communities," said **Sen. Anthony Broadman (D-Bend)**, co-chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety. "Oregon is starting to see the results of our past investments and I'm pleased the Legislature will prioritize combating the drug crisis amid a difficult budget landscape."

New drug crisis intervention investments in the Criminal Justice Commission budget ([House Bill 5005](#)) include:

- \$40 million for county and tribal deflection programs to connect people to substance use disorder treatment options and out of jail cells.
- \$10 million to support in-custody opioid use disorder treatment in local jails.
- \$13 million for IMPACTS grants to fund local behavioral health or substance use disorder treatment programs.

- \$267,432 for a permanent staff at the Treatment Court Grant Program to process and track compliance of statewide grant programs.

Drug overdose deaths in Oregon fell by 22% between December 2023 and December 2024, [CDC data shows](#), demonstrating the impact of legislative action in recent years, including increasing access to treatment, expanding distribution of Naloxone, and boosting prevention programs. Legislative funding will help the state build on this progress and assist Oregonians struggling with substance use disorders.

In addition to distributing drug crisis intervention grants, the Criminal Justice Commission administers a variety of public-safety focused grant programs supported by federal and state resources.

Funding for these other public safety issues in HB 5005 include:

- \$5 million to the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program to cover law enforcement positions, overtime, and equipment to combat and prosecute organized retail theft.
- \$4 million to Restorative Justice, to provide grants for community-based alternatives to the criminal and juvenile legal systems.
- \$850,000 for the Family Preservation Project at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, which connects mothers with their children to reduce the impacts of incarceration on families.

"We're making smart, targeted investments in public safety that reflect both the urgency and complexity of the challenges we face," said **Rep. Paul Evans (D-Monmouth)**, co-chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety.

HB 5005 now moves to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for final committee approval before consideration on the House and Senate floors.

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