

Partnership for Safety and Justice 2019 Legislative Agenda

Partnership for Safety and Justice is currently considering five legislative proposals that touch on our core priorities, starting with our own bill: The Accountability and Equity Act.

1: ACCOUNTABILITY, EQUITY, AND THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE REINVESTMENT (HB 3064)

The Accountability and Equity Act will ensure that the needs of communities across Oregon are more effectively served to increase both safety and justice.

The proposal seeks to better measure outcomes of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative with particular attention to historically underserved groups -- including rural and tribal communities, communities of color, women, and LGBTQ people -- to promote accountability, equity, and healing.



2: DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVIVOR SERVICES

Together with our crime survivor allies, we're continuing our years-long fight to increase funding for the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund.

It's the only source of general state funds dedicated to crime survivors, yet current funding levels can only adequately serve about half of those in need of community-based resources.

All survivors of harm should have the services they need to heal. We must advocate for additional dollars so that underserved communities can access essential resources to rebuild their lives.



3: MAINTAIN JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUNDING (SB 5506)

Justice Reinvestment reduces Oregon's reliance on prison and invests in counties to support alternatives to incarceration such as crime prevention, as well as crime survivor services.

Since the county-based grants first went into effect in 2013, Justice Reinvestment has supported local and community-based services in all 36 counties for addiction and mental health services, transitional support, and nearly \$10 million in crime survivor resources.

These investments are projected to save Oregon \$325 million in prison construction and maintenance costs over the first 10 years. **Let's make sure this important funding is maintained!**

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4: AFFORDABLE HOUSING (SB 608)

Affordable housing is critical to public safety. For formerly incarcerated people, stable housing is a key to successfully transitioning home from prison. Housing is also one of the most urgent needs among crime survivors.

Without access to safe and affordable shelter, victims are vulnerable to circumstances that can prevent their healing and deepen their trauma.

5: JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM



A slate of bills seeks to address Oregon's harsh mandatory minimum sentences imposed on youth ages 15, 16, and 17 under Measure 11.

Juvenile justice reform is a longstanding area of focus at Partnership for Safety and Justice. Our work has centered on the inappropriate prosecution of youth in adult courts, the treatment of young people of color, and the longterm impacts of the criminalization of young people who are not fully developed adults.

This session, we're participating in a workgroup hosted by Senators Floyd Prozanski (SD-4) and Michael Dembrow (SD-23) that is assessing potential policy reforms and will propose a slate of bills.

Our report on the impacts of Measure 11 on youth is available at safetyandjustice.org/publications



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