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A NON-PROFIT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AGENCY

Oriana and OCCA supports passage of the contents of **SB 288** (Manning) and **HB 699** (Seitz, Galonski), which offer comprehensive criminal justice reform including reserving the judicial veto for ODRC approved Transitional Control (TC) inmates only for those serving sentences of less than one year (judges currently have veto authority for those serving sentences of two years or less).

- The TC program transfers inmates in the last six months of their prison sentence to a structured halfway house. These individuals are on a work release type of status, where 25% of their earnings are collected to subsidize their cost of care.
- In the TC program, offenders receive mental health and substance use treatment, education and job skills training. Because of this targeted programming, offenders who are granted TC status have the lowest recidivism rate of any program operated by the ODRC. Getting more offenders into the TC program makes our communities safer.
- Only certain inmates are even eligible for TC because of a rigorous screening process by ODRC.
- Allowing an expansion of TC gives more people the opportunity to benefit from Halfway Houses.
- Halfway house placements provide relief for overcrowded prisons and jails in a supervised, residential corrections environment.
- Halfway houses provide more services at less cost to the state than prison.
- Halfway houses assess the risks and needs of EVERY individual and deliver tailored, evidence-based programming. This includes cognitive behavioral, substance use disorder treatment, education, and employment programming.
- Halfway houses residents work; pay taxes, child support, court costs and fines; and participate in community service.
- 81.6 percent of HWH successful completers have no new felony convictions within two years of program completion.