



MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

BACKGROUND

In 1995, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1145 transferred responsibility for the incarceration of felony offenders sentenced to less than one year from the state Department of Corrections to counties. Counties now became responsible for increasing offender access to community-based corrections and treatment services, and enhancing the management and accountability of offenders in the communities in which they live.

SB 1145 required all counties in the state to form local public safety coordinating councils to:

- (1) Coordinate criminal justice policies among local governments, public safety agencies and community organizations;
- (2) Collaborate in developing long and short term plan for improvements to the county's criminal and juvenile justice systems; and
- (3) Reduce crime and recidivism in the county.

The passage of House Bill 3194 in 2013 transformed the level of engagement that local public safety councils have with the State of Oregon: HB 3194 allows for more investments in community public safety by controlling the growth of Oregon's prison population for at least five years. Above and beyond "baseline" community corrections funding based upon caseloads and the legislatively approved budget, local public safety councils must now apply annually for state funds to provide additional effective corrections programs that deter recidivism, crime and increase the safety of the community.