

Oregon Court Reporters Association

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Senator Floyd Prozanski
Senate Judiciary Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE, S-415
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 780

Dear Senator Prozanski,

As president of the Oregon Court Reporters Association, I offer our association's support of Senate Bill 780. This bill would require grand jury proceedings involving the use of deadly force by a police officer to be recorded, transcribed and made available to the public. Our members are keenly aware of the need for timely and accurate transcripts in grand jury proceedings.

Before 2002, most Oregon courts employed live certified shorthand reporters. These reporters were available to provide accurate transcripts for any court proceedings needed, including grand jury proceedings. Oregon now has no employee court reporters in the State Judicial system. We support Senate Bill 780 as a way to bring live reporters into Oregon courts for specific, critical purposes, such as proceedings involving the use of deadly force by a police officer.

The members of OCRA ask you to move Senate Bill 780 to the floor with a do-pass recommendation.

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