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Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee Oregon Legislative Assembly 900 Court Street NE, Room 331 Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 52

Senator Prozanski:

As Chair of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Oversight Committee, on its behalf, and according to ORS 183.690, I would like to convey support for Senate Bill 52 (SB 52).

On January 23, 2013, the OAH Oversight Committee voted to support SB 52, with the expectation that the bill will need to be amended. The Committee supports the goal of making contested case final orders available by searchable database to all participants in administrative hearings and to the OAH Oversight Committee. The Committee discussed potential amendments to narrow the scope of the bill to only apply to contested case final orders, to clarify which final orders may be requested and the frequency of requests, and to explore the possibility of making the searchable database of final orders accessible to the public in some fashion.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul Holvey

Paul Holvey State Representative Chair, OAH Oversight Committee

C: Honorable Betsy Close, Vice-Chair Honorable Jackie Dingfelder Honorable Jeff Kruse Honorable Arnie Roblan