

May 8, 2013

TO: Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair

Senate Judiciary Committee

FR: Bob Joondeph, Executive Director

RE: Senate Bill 2668

Disability Rights Oregon supports passage of HB 2668.

The bill will assure that all places and services that a public body maintains and makes available to the general public will be free of discrimination.

This is in keeping with ORS 659A.103, which says:

(1) It is declared to be the public policy of Oregon to guarantee individuals the fullest possible participation in the social and economic life of the state, to engage in remunerative employment, to use and enjoy places of public accommodation, resort or amusement, to participate in and receive the benefits of the services, programs and activities of state government and to secure housing accommodations of their choice, without discrimination on the basis of disability.

SB 2668 will help to fulfill the stated public policy of the state of Oregon to "guarantee the fullest possible participation" in the activities of our public bodies.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Disability Rights Oregon is the Protection and Advocacy System for Oregon