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Testimony in support of HB 2669A, May 24, 2013
Sen. Committee on Gen. Gov't, Consumer & Small Business Protection

Chair Shields, Vice Chair George and Senators Baertschiger, Monnes
Anderson and Prozanski:

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions are among the many leading organizations and governmental entities who offer students opportunities to grow their career and leadership opportunities with substantive internships. Attracting the youthful talents and aspirations of students is a key strategy pursued by the Commissions in its work to grow leadership among communities of color and women.

We ask the committee members to join us in supporting HB 2669A in providing the protections that we all expect in the workplace to the hard working interns serving in so many offices statewide. During internships students are exposed to every working environment and situation which can include predatory, discriminatory environments. Currently there are no protections for interns or volunteers in this area. We need to assure that they have rights and protections.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions urge the Committee members to extend civil rights law to all those who are working in Oregon offices including unpaid volunteers and interns. Please vote aye on HB 2669A.

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