

**Testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee
in Opposition to Senate Bill 383
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in opposition to SB 383. Current law creates immunity, exemptions and special privileges for a narrow group of professionals. Consumers who have been wronged by an architect, registered landscape architect, professional engineer or professional land surveyor have to meet heightened standards and detailed timelines to bring suit:

SB 383 would create new barriers to justice for these consumers and would unnecessarily expand the number of occupations and corporations covered under the statute. Hence, more Oregon consumers would have their access to justice diminished.

The barriers both include the expansion of the list of occupations and the detailed summary outlined in lines 14-17.

Further, the insertion of the word "original" on line 12 creates a mechanism to get legitimate claims from victimized consumers tossed out in court. Even if we were to agree that the documentation in the summary called for on lines 14-17 was necessary for advancing a legitimate claim – and we don't – the idea that a complaint could not be amended to include the summary is an overreach. The existing language of the statute (Page 2, lines 1-11) gives a tiny amount of leeway, but not much, especially given the demand for the increased detail in the summary.

In order to protect consumers, we respectfully urge a NO vote on SB 383.