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Testimony in Support of HB 2776
April 15, 2015, Hearing Room 343, 3 pm
House Committee on Judiciary,

Chair Barker; Co-Vice Chairs Olson and Williamson; Representatives
Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Post, Sprenger:

The Oregon Commission for Women, in its role of advocate for the women
of Oregon, strongly supports HB 2776.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill that closes another
gap in protections for those in dangerous partner abuse situations where the
usual path for protective orders would take too long for an emergency
situation. The role of police officers in interventions in these situations has
saved the lives of many women, their children and others who are
threatened by intimate partners. But there are still situations where they
are not empowered to intervene to the extent needed, and the death
statistics in Oregon show we could do better. HB 2776 gives officers the
ability to make an onsite assessment of the situation when called to a
disturbance and provide a Temporary Emergency Protective Order.

The Oregon Commission for Women thanks Representative Parish for her
leadership on this bill and urges an Aye vote on HB 2776.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Vardavas, Chair, Oregon Commission for Women

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