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**Testimony of Arthur Towers  
In Support of HB 4145  
House Judiciary Committee  
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The Oregon Trail Lawyers Association represents attorneys who fight for defrauded consumers, injured workers, Oregonians who suffer discrimination on the job, and grieving families who have lost a loved one due to negligence. Our members practice family law, construction defect law, and practice in the area of professional negligence.

Our clients rely on a fair, impartial, and professional judiciary who can tackle this wide variety of cases. HB 4145 will help our judicial system attract and retain a diverse group of high-quality attorneys.

The judicial system is a cornerstone of a democratic society. HB 4145 recognizes that fact and sets up a system of compensation that will allow Oregonians to have the quality of jurisprudence that they deserve. This is an extremely wise investment of taxpayer resources that benefits all facets of society.

The members of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association are proud to urge a YES vote on HB 4145