

**Oregon State Bar Testimony in Support of HB 2356**  
House Business and Labor Committee

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The Oregon State Bar is committed to ensuring all Oregonians have access to the courts to address their legal needs. This includes ensuring that Oregon consumers have the tools and information necessary to appropriately respond to all complaints.

The Bar appreciates the hard work of Representative Holvey, the Department of Justice, Department of Consumer and Business Services, consumer advocates and other stakeholders, all of whom took steps to address each other's concerns in the -1 amendments. We understand that the regulation of debt buyers and the collection of consumer debt are complicated issues that involve balancing a multitude of competing interests. We commend the parties for reaching compromise where possible and for making difficult choices where needed.

The Oregon State Bar stands ready to work with all parties going forward to continue to improve the law and court processes where possible in order to achieve the best outcomes for all Oregonians.