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Oregon Senate
Committee on Judiciary
Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair
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March 12th, 2019

Re: SB 577

“Directs the Department of Justice to study the enforcement of laws related to bias crime.”

The Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living (AOCIL) would like to express its support for Senate Bill 577.

SB 577 will improve the lives of people with disabilities in the State of Oregon by enhancing the understanding and prevention of bias crimes, of which people with disabilities are frequently the victims.

Oregon’s 7 Centers for Independent Living provide people with disabilities the peer counseling, skills training, and other vital programs and services they need to achieve their goals of living as independently as possible in their communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment.

Respectfully,

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