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Date: April 2, 2019

The Honorable Jackie Winters
The Honorable Carla Piluso
Co-chairs, Public Safety Subcommittee

Re: The Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) supports the passage of SB5513

Dear Senator Winters and Representative Piluso:

NAO is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization representing not only our 1,300 Oregon nonprofit organizations and affiliate members, but the charitable sector broadly. Our members are located across the state and come from all areas that serve our communities, including education, health and human services, judicial advocates, and environmental protection. NAO's mission is to strengthen the collective voice, leadership and capacity of Oregon nonprofits to enrich the lives of all Oregonians. More information about our programs and services can be found at www.nonprofitoregon.org.

The public, private, and the nonprofit sector work together throughout Oregon to create and maintain our vibrant civil society. We elevate our communities and we address the unmet needs of our residents together. The Oregon Judicial Department and our court system is a vital partner for our communities. When community members are at their most vulnerable, our courts work, often together with nonprofit advocates, to ensure that our laws are upheld and people get the support they need in navigating the legal systems. Outstanding nonprofit organizations like the CASA organizations, domestic violence shelters and immigrant support nonprofits need to have a functioning court system that is able to:

- Provide public service 8 hours a day
- Expand problem-solving courts and family law facilitation statewide
- Enter judgments and orders within 72 hours
- Recall arrest warrants within 24 hours
- Ensure timely permanency for kids in foster care
- Improve data entry, collection, and analysis

NAO believes that SB5513 provides an important and critical funding mechanism for our courts and judicial department to function to the standard that Oregonians expect.

NAO supports the passage of SB5513.

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James White, Executive Director