TESTIMONY ON HB 3112 BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES MAY 11, 2021

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Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chairs Drazan and Holvey, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Erin M. Pettigrew, Access to Justice Counsel for Legislative Affairs at the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). OJD does not have a position on HB 3112 but generally supports efforts to remove barriers and improve access to justice. The goals of this bill are certainly aligned with those values.

I am testifying today to express appreciation to the proponents of the bill for working with OJD to address our concerns with the bill as introduced. The -14 amendment deletes Section 44a of the original bill and makes minor technical changes to Section 39 clarifying the court process in set aside hearings for qualifying marijuana offenses. These amendments will allow OJD to implement the bill consistent with the proponent's intent and in a more cost-effective manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am happy to answer any questions.