

Testimony in support of SB 1510 from the Criminal Justice Study Group of Multnomah County Democrats Platform Committee

Our criminal justice study group supports the measures in SB 1510 which all lead to greater equity for people of color, who are disproportionally impacted by Oregon's criminal legal system.

Too often police stops have unnecessarily led to altercations and violence. New policies about searches and minor violations will prevent confrontations.

Too often individuals finishing their sentences on parole and probation are threatened with sanctions rather than helped to succeed. New policies will make reporting easier and prevent unnecessary visits at workplaces as well as providing better training to supervisors.

Funds invested in impacted communities will lead to more successes, more community safety and less use of incarceration. Data will be collected about spending and results. All good, SB 1510 deserves the vote of all Oregon legislators.