

**TESTIMONY ON HB 4075
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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Chair Bynum, Vice-Chair Noble, Vice-Chair Power, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Erin M. Pettigrew with the Office of Legislative Affairs at the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). OJD is neutral on HB 4075, but I would like to offer this written testimony thanking Representative Kropf for including OJD in the discussions on this concept over the past several months and for his concern for victims.

We appreciate the work that has gone into crafting HB 4075 and would like to highlight Sections 6 through 9 of HB 4075, which modify the priority levels for payments on criminal judgments and raise restitution to a Level I obligation. OJD has carefully reviewed those sections and we anticipate that we will be able to implement those changes without difficulty. While prioritizing restitution over fines and fees could delay payments made to those obligations and, in some instances, may result in a loss of revenue to the state and to local governments if the entire judgment is not completely paid, it will increase the amount of restitution paid to victims.

Additionally, if work continues regarding Section 1 which addresses the procedures for the request and imposition of restitution in criminal cases, OJD would welcome the opportunity to participate in those discussions and provide insights on the aspects and procedure that apply to OJD.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony. I am available to answer any questions.