

Date: February 2, 2022

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Jasia Mosley, Oregon AFSCME Council 75
Re: Support for Transforming Justice 2022, SB 1510

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 strongly supports SB 1510, a Transforming Justice bill that will increase safety for people of color and healing for those who are previously incarcerated. Oregon AFSCME represents roughly 27,000 workers across the state from corrections officers to nurses to county employees. Our members understand the impact that interactions with the police have on marginalized communities and understand the necessity for those who have been previously incarcerated to have support to prevent recidivism. At Oregon AFSCME Council 75, we strive to support and uplift our most vulnerable communities who are often the most impacted by interactions with police and those who are or were previously impacted by the criminal justice system.

Every Oregonian deserves to feel safe and be treated with dignity. But many of us, especially Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color, feel vulnerable and unprotected in our own communities, homes, and workplaces.

Transforming Justice 2022 (SB 1510) will increase safety for communities of color across the state of Oregon and reinvest money into healing communities of color. All Oregonians deserve to have access to healing, treatment and safety to be successful. Funding culturally specific services is extremely important in creating safe spaces and opens opportunities for people of color across Oregon.

SB 1510 ensures that people who have caused harm are responsible for that harm, after which they would have an opportunity to rebuild their lives. It also ensures that crime survivors have the resources they need to heal and invests in culturally specific services for communities of color throughout Oregon.

We urge you to please support SB 1510 and enact these critically needed changes that are aligned with Oregonians' vision for a public safety system rooted in racial equity, accountability, healing, and opportunity.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Jasia Mosley Oregon AFSCME Council 75