Submitter: Tammie Murray

On Behalf

Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110

Implementation

Measure: SB1543

Until the Legislature appropriates sufficient funds for citizen low-income legal counsel in all judicial areas of this state I fervently oppose Senate Bill 1543.

Fact - Legal Aid Service of Oregon along with Public Defense Attorneys are underfunded.

The Attorneys and associates are - understaffed-probably underpaid and moreover overworked. Due to the over abundance of cases assigned to each attorney, in turn, no way is there enough time to devote to each client's case nor present a strong representation for the client before the courts.