

House Committee on Business and Labor

Testimony in support of SB 1565 A

February 22, 2022

Chair Holvey, Vice-Chairs Bonham and Grayber, and members of the Committee,

My name is Linda Castillo and I am a member of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA).

1. OCHA works toward ensuring economic, social, political, and legal equity for Oregon’s Hispanic population. We do this through advocacy, public policy research, leadership development, and partnerships.

2. In our statutory role of bringing equity focus and community voice into Oregon policy making, OCHA strongly supports SB 1565 A.

People who do not have access to credit or debit cards and use only paper currency include Oregon’s most vulnerable, including those with poor credit, those escaping abuse and unable to access their banks or credit, and those whose sole income comes to them as cash. The ability of Oregon’s areas of public accommodation that include public venues, some types of transportation, shelters, and other locations serve everyone including those carrying disproportionate burdens that correlate with mental health, poverty, racism, and trauma. SB 1565 A assures that all Oregonians are able to purchase their needs at any business using legal tender in paper or coins. Allowing only electronic transactions in areas

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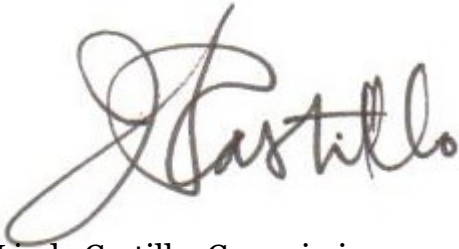
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of public accommodation places a disproportionate burden on those without access to credit, debit, or mobile devices.

We urge you to vote yes on SB 1565 A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Castillo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter being a large, stylized capital 'L'.

Linda Castillo, Commissioner

Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

