

# FAIRSHOT FOR ALL

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Chair Prozanski and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

***The Fair Shot for All Coalition strongly supports SB 1510 to begin to transform our justice system.***



Oregon can only be safe when our public safety system is designed to keep all of us safe. Like most states across the country, Oregon's public safety system was designed to uphold white supremacy. That history of oppression continues today and is pervasive throughout the justice system.

- Black Americans are five times more likely to be pulled over in a vehicle, even though caucasians are three times more likely to have contraband than people of color. Profiling leads to disproportionate arrests and conviction rates among communities of color.
- Both ethnic and racial disparities were identified in traffic stop data submitted by the Oregon State Police, according to 2019 reporting from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.
- Incarceration greatly exacerbates the harms of racial targeting by police. Each time we lock someone up, we also sentence their family members to traumatic separation and financial hardship. Two in three families had difficulty meeting basic needs as a result of their loved one's incarceration. 70 percent of these families were caring for children under 18.

It's time for us to transform our public safety system into one that truly provides justice and safety to all.

Together, we can reduce unnecessary interactions with law enforcement that increase risks of excessive force and violence, improve success for people on

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probation and parole, and fund services that reduce racial disparities prevalent in Oregon's criminal justice system.

We strongly urge your YES vote on SB 1510.



*Fair Shot for All is an economic justice coalition of grassroots organizations and labor unions working together to build power with our communities, to create opportunities for all working families to thrive, and to dismantle historic and systemic economic inequities for Oregonians who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color (BIPOC); women; immigrants; and/or LGBTQ+. Fair Shot's work centers racial and gender equity that seeks to address inequalities through organizing and concrete policy change. Visit [FairShotOregon.org](http://FairShotOregon.org) for more information.*