



## Testimony in Support of House Bill 2864

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Chair Holvey and Members of the House Business and Labor Committee:

My name is Elena Martinez and I have been a Correctional Officer at the Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) for the last 23 years. I am also the President of the Association of Oregon Corrections Employees (AOCE). AOCE represents about 750 individuals working for the Oregon Department of Corrections at the maximum security OSP, the medium security Oregon State Correctional Institution (OSCI), the minimum-security South Fork Forest Camp (SFFC), and individuals working for Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) throughout the state. Our members include corrections officers and corrections professionals, including: nurses, counselors, chaplains and trades workers.

House Bill 2864 is a simple concept that adds DOC and OCE employees and parole and probation officers to the statute that allows for an appropriate bargaining unit to charge fees for costs of representation. The current statute applies to other public safety organizations that represent municipal police officers, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, including those deputy sheriffs that staff our local jails, and police officers commissioned by a university.

AOCE represents individuals that have declined membership, but still receive benefits from our Association. The changes included in HB 2864 would merely add these individuals to the list of classes that could be charged fees by our Association for representation unrelated to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

I urge you to support House Bill 2864.

Thank you,  
Elena Martinez  
AOCE President