

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2303  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
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**PRESENTED BY: KAITI FERGUSON, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
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Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Wallan and Andersen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kaiti Ferguson, Senior Staff Counsel at the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). While OJD is neutral on HB 2303, we appreciate the proponents' aim with this bill, which seeks to embrace technology and create a consistent statewide approach to search warrant applications and issuance.

HB 2303 directs the Department of State Police to create an electronic statewide system for the application and issuance of search warrants. The system must also allow a person to make an application for and receive authorization to execute a search warrant from any location.

OJD welcomes the opportunity to work with stakeholders to develop an effective and implementable electronic statewide system for search warrants. In recent years, OJD's Enterprise Technology Services Division has developed the technical capability to allow many judges to sign search warrant applications electronically through an OJD iPad or iPhone. However, this process is not yet consistent statewide. To help ensure this new electronic statewide warrant system is compatible with OJD's systems, OJD would be glad to participate in discussions and work collaboratively with stakeholders to provide its insight and expertise as to its processes and technology.

Thank you for your time.