

**TESTIMONY ON SB 520
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE
MARCH 13, 2023**

**PRESENTED BY: KAITI FERGUSON, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kaiti Ferguson, Senior Staff Counsel at the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). Though OJD does not have a position on SB 520 as introduced or the -1 Amendment, we do appreciate the humanitarian concerns reflected in this bill, the care and thought that has gone into crafting it to make it workable for courts, as well as the genuine and productive conversations and the values behind it.

We would also like to thank Senator Dembrow, Representative Reynolds, and their staff for including OJD in the workgroup meetings and discussions regarding this concept since 2021, during which OJD identified some areas of concern and other minor technical matters. We are pleased to see that those issues have been addressed with SB 520 as introduced and the -1 Amendment.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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