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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB2308

SUBJECT: Support for HB 2308

Chair Kropf and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Greetings:

I want to offer my support for HB 2308, the bill you will hear more about on Tuesday, March 21st, that eliminates the two-tier system of pay for Elected District Attorneys. Like judges and public defenders, Elected District Attorney compensation is determined by the State. However, unlike the judges and public defenders, District Attorneys are currently paid differently based on the population of their county. This is not in law, but rather a system relied on by the Dept. of Administrative Services where District Attorneys that represent counties with more than 100,000 people are paid more than those in smaller, largely rural and valley counties. This contributes to a \$21,000+ annual pay gap between District Attorneys across Oregon.

Please eliminate the two-tiers for District Attorneys and pass HB 2308.

Respectfully,

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