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Please pass HB 4097. Too many people have been punished over and over again for one mistake in the past. Some crimes should be expunged from a person's record, especially if they show promise of rehabilitation. It seems that once a person has served their time and is not a threat to society, they should have the same chance as others; but, unfortunately, their record follows them. Job opportunities are minimal so they can not get out of poverty and can end up homeless. Continually being denied a job or entrance into some program can crush any hope of a better life and they give up. Having a despondent population reflects badly on Oregon, we should want and help people to have a second chance to thrive.