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Written Testimony before the Senate Committee on Judiciary Regarding Senate Bill 1576-4 Amendment

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Pat Shannon, Gilliam County Commissioner. I am submitting written testimony in strong support of SB 1576-4.

I am in support of amending (ORS) Chapter 111 sections .055 and .075 to allow Gilliam, Harney, Grant, Malheur, Sherman and Wheeler counties to transfer probate jurisdiction authority to the Circuit Court as a choice. This will allow these counties the same fairness and consistency that the thirty other counties in the State currently have to determine whether they remain as a County Court structure or a Board of Commissioners and not dictated by State statute.

I am asking that you please amend the statutory language to allow equitable consistency to the six counties listed in this testimony so they can choose what is in the best interest of their citizens in the handling of probate jurisdiction and local government structure.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 1576