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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB1576

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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge your support of the -4 amendment to SB 1576.

The amendment provides County Courts in Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Sherman and Wheeler County with a choice over whether to keep or transfer their probate jurisdiction to the Circuit Courts. By doing so, it also provides these counties and their citizens the ability to shape their local governments to meet the unique and changing needs of their communities; an authority the other 30 counties in Oregon have enjoyed since 1973.

There is nothing more personal than a person's family, finances, and property. It is essential that estate proceedings are conducted by a professional that has the necessary legal education (law school) to handle each case appropriately and in a professional manner.

This amendment puts the decision back in the hands of our elected county courts.

Please support the -4 amendment to SB 1576.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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