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

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

I am writing to ask you to support of the -4 amendment to SB 1576.

This 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.

I was born and raised in Gilliam County and after a period serving in the USN I returned to Gilliam County to raise my children. I believe our local elected officials and community members should have the ability to make decisions about our judicial system and local government structure. The -4 amendment makes this so.

Please support the -4 amendment to SB 1576.

Sincerely,

Judith Thomsen