

Dear Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Hayden and members of the committee:

My name is Sarah Sabri. I am a Senior Assistant Attorney General and the Statewide Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor at the Oregon Department of Justice.

I am asking for your support of SB 1569, which would align the retirement benefits of prosecutors within the Criminal Justice Division of the Oregon Department of Justice with those of other prosecutors across Oregon.

From 2005 to 2018 I served as a Deputy District Attorney in Oregon (in Lincoln and Lane Counties), focused primarily on domestic violence prosecution. After 13 years at the County level, I made a deliberate transition into a statewide prosecutor role to extend my experience and subject-matter expertise beyond a single District Attorney's office. In this position, I help inform and shape domestic violence prosecution practices around the state.

Although my scope of impact is broader, the core of my work remains grounded in the same practical responsibilities and work of county prosecutors. However, since I moved to the Oregon Department of Justice, I am now subject to different PERS benefits than my counterparts working at the county level. SB 1569 would address this disparity by allowing the limited group of Assistant Attorney General/ prosecutors within the Criminal Justice Division, performing the same core duties as other Oregon prosecutors, to be classified consistently under PERS / Police & Fire.

I respectfully ask you to vote yes on SB 1569, to help ensure fairness, consistency and parity for prosecutors performing this critical public safety work *throughout* Oregon, regardless of whether they are employed by a county or the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Sabri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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