



# Legislative Testimony

## Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

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February 15 2016

The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary, Members

RE: HB 4082 (promoting prostitution)

Dear Chair Prozanski and Members,

The Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association is an organization of attorneys who represent juveniles and adults in delinquency, dependency, criminal prosecutions, appeals, civil commitment and post-conviction relief proceedings throughout the state of Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to submit the following comments on House Bill 4082.

OCDLA would like to thank Representative Kathleen Taylor for engaging us during the interim on HB 4082 and its expansion of the crime of Promoting Prostitution. The expansion in HB 4082 to include “goods,” “services” and “other things of value” is consistent with the definitional phrase employed in other crimes of value, such as theft. This expansion retains the obligation of the government to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the services or goods were received knowing that they derived from prostitution activity, and with the intent of further promoting prostitution activity.

Given these protections in place, OCDLA is neutral on HB 4082 and once again thanks Representative Taylor for her consideration of our interests.

Best,

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