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Re: SB 858

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support the Oregon Library Association's proposed addition to SB 858 that urges a reasonable cap on the amount of law library moneys that can go toward court and family law facilitation programs. While facilitation programs are absolutely critical and need support, the law library as such should also be preserved and this requires preservation of funding.

As a solo practitioner I have relied on the materials and facilities of law libraries across the country for help in research, keeping up to date on CLEs, meeting other practitioners and sometimes just having a quiet moment in the courthouse to collect my thoughts before or after proceedings. As a practitioner newly waived into Oregon's Bar, my first stop was the county law library, even before my application was accepted.

In closing, I want to emphasize that a library and its content are only as good as the librarian staffing the collection. Law librarians are indispensable professionals who provide essential help in organizing and finding materials that are far out of the scope of a Google search or a Trial Court Website.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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