

**TESTIMONY ON SB 774 - JUVENILE COURT EXPUNCTIONS
BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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- Chair Prozanski and members of the committee, I am Kristen Farnworth and I am a Senior Juvenile Law Analyst with the Juvenile and Family Court Programs Division for the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). Thank you for allowing me to testify today regarding OJD's participation in an interim work group on Oregon's juvenile expunction process. We were involved in some of the discussions around Senate Bill 774 and look forward to more active participation in the interim.
- OJD understands the importance of having a clear and understandable statutory structure so that people can more easily navigate the expunction process. Our statutes should be easily understood by courts, lawyers, and those who are trying to utilize the expunction process. To that end, OJD supports the idea of having an interim work group to consider separate expunction processes for dependency cases under 419B.100(1)(c) and delinquency cases under 419C.100. This could streamline the statutes and reduce confusion.
- OJD looks forward to working with other stakeholders on this matter. Thank you for your support for this important work.