

RELIANCE ON CASH BAIL IS UNFAIR
AND JEOPARDIZES PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 48 PAVES THE WAY TO A BETTER APPROACH

A WEALTH-BASED PRETRIAL DETENTION SYSTEM CRIMINALIZES POVERTY AND PLACES VICTIMS AT RISK

The basis for detention prior to trial should depend on the person's risk of flight or harm to the community, not on the person's wealth. Under current practice, statutory minimum bail amounts or bail schedules which prescribe a set security amount for each crime form the initial basis for release. This system of cash bail can place crime victims at great risk when a dangerous yet wealthy individual bails out, and can penalize non-threatening impoverished people when they have limited access to disposable cash. This inevitably leads to economic and racial inequities across the state.

SB 48 IS A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO A BETTER SYSTEM

SB 48 is the result of a year-long discussion conducted by the Public Safety Task Force through the Criminal Justice Commission in which all stakeholder organizations participated. SB 48 will continue this collaborative work through a Criminal Justice Advisory Committee appointed by the Chief Justice which will establish pretrial release guidelines which balance rights of the defendant with community and victim safety. SB 48 requires victim notification and input prior to the initial release decision; requires consideration of non-wealth-based conditions of release before allowing security to be imposed; eliminates mandatory minimum statutory bail amounts; and delays implementation to July 2022 after the Chief Justice's advisory committee has completed its work.

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 48 IN CREATING A MORE EQUITABLE, SECURE PRETRIAL RELEASE SYSTEM

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ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SB 48

ACLU of Oregon
Clackamas Women's Services
Multnomah County District Attorney
Oregon Abuse Advocates & Survivors in Service
Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

Oregon Department of Justice
Oregon Law Center
Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force