



TO: House Committee on Judiciary
FROM: Mae Lee Browning, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
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RE: Support for HB 2939

Chair Bynum, Vice Chairs Noble and Power, and Members of House Committee on Judiciary:

The Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (OCDLA) is a non-profit association of attorneys who represent children and parents in juvenile dependency proceedings, youth in juvenile delinquency proceedings, and adults in criminal prosecutions, civil commitment proceedings, appeals, and post-conviction relief throughout the state of Oregon.

OCDLA promotes legislation beneficial to the criminal and juvenile justice systems that protects the constitutional and statutory rights of those accused of crime or otherwise involved in delinquency and dependency systems as well as to the lawyers and service providers who do this difficult work. We also advocate against issues that would harm our goals of reform within the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

We urge you to vote YES on HB 2939.

HB 2939 clarifies the venue for juvenile proceedings subject to waiver hearing and authorizes certain youth who are less than 20 years of age to be admitted to a youth correctional facility. HB 2939 was part of SB 1546 in the 2020 Session, which was presented by the SB 1008 Steering Committee as committee consensus bills.

OCDLA is part of the Governor's SB 1008 Implementation Steering Committee. We supported the bill in 2020 and we support HB 2939 now.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted by,
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