

To: Senate and House Judiciary Committees

re: Racial Justice Reform SB 768 (neutral); SB 182A (support); SB 185 (opposed); SB 295 (support); HB 2214 (support), HB 2030 (support), HB 2312 (support with open access data provision). Census Add Independent Party seat. SB 181 (support with subscription service accountability Section amendment), SB 395 (support)

Chair Honorable Representative K. Power and Members of the Oregon State Legislative Committees,

My name is Roberta Robles. I am a geo data systems expert in government, transport, and cannabis industry. I operate under strict non-disclosure agreements when I assist dispensary owners and operators. I have provided site analysis work and business systems advice to the largest dispensary chains, delivery systems and grow operations in Oregon. I am now semi-retired, taking coursework and living in Klamath Falls. I am providing this input during my experience as a pro se litigant in Family Circuit Court Manner. I am also providing it on behalf of Robert Millhouse, an African American who lives in the Kenton neighborhood and has been adversely impacted by the criminal justice system. I was financially and legally abused through an ex parte motion served without due process or legal representation.

I am testifying in a neutral position regarding the bills identified with this testimony. Instead, I point to larger systemic methods of reorganizing Oregon's legal landscape to better serve a more diverse population.

Ballot Measure 110 – I provided organizational start up advice to the team of young people who later gathered signatures who eventually got this measure passed. Nobody believed these young people could pull off the greatest de-legalization program in the state's history. They succeeded when very few elected leaders or media giants expected them to fail. I provided pro bono organizational support to these young leaders when no one else would. I am disappointed that the Oregon State Legislature and local governments are trying to "peel back" these hard-fought electoral gains.

POLITICAL BLAME: GARBAGE and GRAFFITI IN PORTLAND The blame of Portland's garbage epidemic squarely on the hands of market-based approaches to reducing urban garbage. A few years ago, garbage services were reduced and or priced exorbitantly. I reject the notion that racial justice protests are the cause of systemic city-wide garbage disposal issues. The pricing structure of garbage pick-up is the issue. Additionally, bring back the neighborhood association free trash pick up days. The City of Roses Disposal and Garbage issues in Portland go back farther than 2020. **Protesters are the solution not the scapegoat.**

RE: Oregon Judicial Branch Testimony and Strategic Campaign 2020-21

The Judicial Campaign Strategy is essentially asking the courts to monitor itself, which is untenable. I recommend that the Legislative review of the judicial system call in information management auditors. The number of software systems and fees does not match the quality of information services. The legal advice proffered in the 2021 Legislative session seems to add more indemnity protection to attorneys instead of addressing systematic racial justice changes.

ATTORNEYS do not have the technical skills to audit the ability of their own technical systems to deliver the changes in the body of law being proposed in Salem. As a reminder to elected officials; every time the law changes the database monitoring systems must change and this HAS NOT happened.

Therefore, I request state certified auditors review and make recommendations on system changes to the judiciary systems and processes. Technology transparency is more important than paying more pro bono attorneys. Fixing the filing fees and nonsensical forms system. As a business systems analyst the hardest part of my job is telling managers they need to dump an old database because it's full of bad information. To the state legislature it is better to have no database than a database that is feeding false information. Just like having a paper trail to election ballots. We need paper trails on family law accountability. It is as important as fair elections.

I currently do not have access to my own legal records without opting into an expensive subscription-based service. The free online email services at the county level are maddeningly unhelpful. Staffed by people deflecting bad judge decisions.

Attorneys are hiding and or preventing access to files by their own clients. IT'S A MESS! All of the conservatorships should be independently audited for fraud, medical abuse and obstruction. I was roofied by a former lobbyist of the Oregon Medical Association who had a girl under his conservatorship who died under questionable conditions. I don't even know her name to #sayhername

#freebrittany is about protecting women from their own families who try to grab their money and children. Big Hugs to Paris Hilton, she showed up in Salem Oregon. Fist Bumps to all the Feminists speaking up. When they tell us to shut up, we show up! Bring back the pink pussie hats.

ATTORNEY ETHICS VIOLATIONS

The authority to audit ethics violations of OSBA attorneys should be removed from the Oregon Bar Association. I have filed complaints and have not heard back. They are not regulating themselves the way they say and present themselves to elected state representatives. The authority for regulating attorneys should sit within the Oregon Supreme Court and they should be given full authority to disbar attorneys who fail to provide legal services when requested.

Family Court is providing and withholding access to children as punishment for small violations like late drop offs and bathroom emergencies. Slanderous allegations of drug use are used to abuse and prevent people from receiving the public support they deserve.

In October I was stuck behind fire lines unable to attend a family court hearing nor given the opportunity to attend remotely. Parental visitations were withheld. During this entire time the court staff would not provide simple information and or access to forms. Simply trying to access the court documents in the courthouse was deemed a hostile act rendering court employee more concerned with indemnity than community service.

ACCESS TO LEGAL RESOURCES

I agree that better access to legal resources is important, I am just not sure adding an additional associate member will result in better access to poor and minority communities. The existing Lawyer Referral Service is not working as suggested by Oregon Bar Association. This system does not provide timely referral services: only 10% of attorneys are in this system. That is because the good attorneys don't want referrals to low-income people. The legal referral service needs to include similar access provisions such as equal housing opportunity. For instance, if you are the first successful housing applicant for a rental the landlord must grant the application. Otherwise, landlords would pick and

choose applicants potentially based on bias. Likewise, attorneys in this system pick and choose their clients based on perceived risk and win outcomes. Therefore, the neediest clients will be regularly denied legal services. I have tried to use OBA referral service to no avail. It's a mess.

I have money but I am not going to hire another attorney who acts beyond their authority as my attorney. I have already lost \$20,000 and my children. I do not see how adding another attorney will help when the judges are going to apply their own judicial bias each and every time.

OREGON BAR ASSOCIATION – INDIGENT VOCABULARY AND CLIENTS – LANGUAGE MATTERS

Why do attorneys call economically poor people indigent? Perhaps Attorneys have their own legal language that is founded on the genocide and land taking of indigenous people. I find it abhorrent to read this word written like this from a professional organization. Accept when you realize the early purpose of family courts was to take children from indigenous parents and rehome and reschool them. My heart is aching. My children missing. I'm not poor, I'm angry.

JUDICIAL RACIAL EDUCATION

Systemic Racism needs to be unlearned. The only way to unlearn it from the very top is to mandate racial equity training for all Oregon Judges (ALL). It is fully within the scope and authority of the Oregon State Legislature to mandate racial equity training of the Judiciary Court Service providers. Judges provide a service to the public. They need mandatory bias training to help unlearn the racial bias inherent in the Oregon Revised Statutes.

The requirements to obtain ongoing training should be monitored and directed by the Black, Latino and Indigenous Committees being formed. These committees need real legal authority on SOMETHING. The authority to develop and implement a racial training program for judges would be a unique turn of expertise. These committees should also be made available to adjudicate family decisions based on cultural centered approach. The family court processes should not even be in the same building or be shared with the criminal justice courts. Why put families in the same building as criminals?

JUDICIAL AND COURT STAFF

I have experienced the worst most biased customer service from county court staff AND mediation services. Mediation rules are regularly broken and not working at all. Mediators don't mediate anything and, in my experience, resulted in further abuse and alienation. When I tried to join and participate in advocacy, I came to find that all these committees are highly exclusive and do not welcome the participation of pro se litigants. They are particularly harsh to people who question the need for this level of government intrusion on family life. There's a distinct difference in the service these court employees provide to attorneys' vs the service they provide pro se litigants. These people inspire mass shootings and suicide ideation. Commitment 4 in the Oregon Judicial Strategy is #nottheonion, this curriculum should be outsourced, see above. How about start treating people with respect and they won't want to tear the whole system down.

OBA COMMITTEE DATA STORAGE

It's understood that there are large data storage issues associated with record keeping in the digital COVID era. However, we still need access and transparency as to the conspiring of the members of the Oregon Bar Association. Recommend that audio and video storage requirements be removed, but retain

the requirement to maintain basic record keeping like attendance, minutes, and agendas in low analog flavors that are easily accessible. If data is hidden behind FOIA requests, it is NOT easily accessible.

PRO BONO CIVIL ATTORNEY WORK re: CONSUMER LAW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Absolutely civil attorneys who represent the neediest clients should be well compensated. We all understand the high financial fees involved in obtaining legal licensure and to just compensation. However I disagree with this entire avenue for making what is essentially payroll decisions. Judges should not be determining the wages of pro bono attorneys. An entirely separate subscription based legal support service should be established by the State to separately compensate civil rights attorneys. Holy wow, that sounds like a mess of misplaced market incentives. Request this as a part of the Biden Family Infrastructure Plan. Low cost army of legal family and civil rights attorneys to detangle the mess of family courts across the country. Judges determining that an amount is no significant enough to warrant pro bono fees, is literally a slap in the face to attorneys sitting on thousands of dollars of student loan debt. It also underestimates the impact the judicial court system has on its clients. I get panic attacks while checking the mail because I'm afraid of getting another court envelope.

Furthermore the OSBA has misrepresented its availability of low cost legal services. I was told I had too much money but they wouldn't tell me how much was the threshold. I'm living off of savings. Does one need to be bankrupt to get low cost legal services?

POWER OF ATTORNEY SB 182 A – STRONG SUPPORT

I support the provision on power of attorney.

I'm not clear about the provisions on wills. It seems like all wills should be subject to FOIA requests. Private wills sound like a disaster.

Unfortunately this bill does not include provisions for Common Law. Those who live together for extended amounts of time as a couple, but for whom are excluded from alimony. What about protections for people who chose not to marry? California and Washington has common law marriages, why doesn't Oregon? I would have been eligible for ten years of alimony had we been married. That would have been huge support for me after suffering debilitating medical losses after 2 difficult pregnancies. Make it retroactive please.

SB 185 ON NON PROFITS (opposed)

Why are we allowing bills to proffer through the legislative committees when they are not finished. That means the laws are entirely too complicated for even the attorneys to read and comprehend. This is when I remember my Cornell Law professor telling me, maybe after 50 years most laws should be deleted redacted or removed. Slash and Burn. Maybe we should delete the nonprofit law. Seems like some executives are making more money than there for-profit counter parts. We have a whole sleuth of nonprofit environmental organizations who want to sell you a market-based trading system that pays for their program staffing, not carbon reduction. Two quite different funding alignments. I support the questions outlined in the Testimony from David S. Wall from Newberg Oregon (02/11/2021). His testimony raises relevant questions that need answered. I have been treated poorly by Oregon nonprofits.

LEGAL OMNIBUS BILLS

Completely unreadable jargon. Even the attorneys are confused.

For example, take the definition of electric vehicle which is considered in two omnibus bills. Bicycling advocates and Oregon manufacturers have been screaming for legal support on the matter and both bills fail miserably to address their concerns highlighted in the BikeLoudPDX testimony. Please relax the definition on electric vehicles so it can be inclusive of devices we don't know exist yet. Innovation requires LESS regulation whereas for large 'caged' vehicles MORE safety regulations are needed. The number of deaths has been going up and the requirements to include updated safety features in new vehicles is a MUST support.