

Oregon House Rules Committee

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I am writing in support of HB 2002 to effectively transform public safety, shrink the corrections system, and invest in communities. HB 2002 is the combined priority of the Transforming Justice Coalition and the Governor's Racial Justice Council's subcommittee on Criminal Justice.

HB 2002 would increase safety and equity for people of color, invest in communities that are most harmed and least helped by the criminal justice system, and promote people's success after incarceration.

HB 2002:

Limit stops and arrests for low level offences to reduce unnecessary contact with law enforcement like the ones that lead to the deaths of Sandra Bland and Daunte Wright

Abolish supervision fees, and incentivize people to earn time off of their supervision

Invest in culturally specific services, victims services, and restorative justice

Advance equity by requiring race and gender data collection to ensure that funds are reaching impacted communities.

I encourage deep reflection and bold action to reduce harm done to people by structural racism. HB 2002 would support victims services and investments in our communities, such as increased access to mental health care, addiction services, and housing.