

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2523 A
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND BALLOT MEASURE 110
IMPLEMENTATION
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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Erin M. Pettigrew, Access to Justice Counsel at the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). As set out in our Strategic Campaign, OJD aims to reduce the collateral consequences and disproportionate impacts through the imposition of fines and fees.

The goals of HB 2523 are consistent with those values, and OJD supports the waiver of Department of Transportation (ODOT) driver license reinstatement fees in certain circumstances, including the provisions in the bill as introduced. The base bill requires ODOT to waive the \$75 license reinstatement fee for suspensions under former ORS 809.210 that occurred because a driver failed to either pay a court-imposed fine or to comply with conditions on which payment of a fine was suspended by a court in a traffic case.

As compared to the introduced bill, HB 2523 A eliminates ODOT driver license reinstatement fees for license suspensions that were imposed pursuant to former ORS 809.210 as well as license suspensions under ORS 809.220 and ORS 809.315(3).

HB 2523 A increases equity and fairness by allowing the possibility of license reinstatement for individuals who are not able to pay the license reinstatement fee and were suspended because they could not pay a court fine in the first place. OJD supports efforts to remove unnecessary barriers and disproportionate outcomes based on the imposition of court fines and fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2523.