



**PARTNERSHIP FOR  
SAFETY & JUSTICE**

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**Testimony in Support/Opposition of SB 620  
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Chair Smith-Warner, Vice-Chair Drazan and Members of the Committee,

At Partnership for Safety & Justice, we advocate for public safety and criminal justice policies that ensure accountability, equity, and healing for people convicted of crime, crime survivors, and the families and communities of both. For over 20 years, our work has promoted public safety with policies that keep families together, reduce racial disparities, and invest in communities across Oregon.

As you know this was one of the many substantial criminal justice reforms brought forward by impacted communities in HB 2002, which included 2 public hearings including in this committee. However, that bill is not moving forward.

The amendment allows counties to focus on the work of supervision instead of wasting a bunch of money and time attempting to collect supervision fees often times from people that cannot afford to pay.

It is our understanding that the \$10 million loss in revenue will be backfilled in the end of session bill. We advocated for this money for the counties.

Eliminating supervision fees allows individuals on supervision to focus instead on paying victim restitution and for basic needs for themselves and their families, including rent, food, medication, bus fares (including to report to their PO and job interviews), and when applicable, treatment.