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**TO: House Committee on Judiciary**  
**FROM: Mae Lee Browning, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association**  
**DATE: February 24, 2021**  
**RE: Testimony on HB 2747**

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Chair Bynum, Vice-Chair Noble and Power, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mae Lee Browning and I am testifying on behalf of OCDLA.

The Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association is a nonprofit professional association for experts, private investigators, and attorneys who represent Oregon's children and parents in juvenile dependency proceedings, youth in juvenile delinquency proceedings, adults in criminal proceedings at the trial and appellate level, as well as civil commitment proceedings throughout the state of Oregon.

**OCDLA has concerns about HB 2747.**

Currently, a restraining order lasts for 1 year from the time it is initially obtained. HB 2747 changes the law so that, if the respondent requests a hearing or modifies the order, the restraining order will last for 1 year from the date of the modification. HB 2747 imposes a penalty on respondents for objecting to or modifying a restraining order. Notably, the current statute allows the petitioner to request an extension at the end of the year.

OCDLA welcomes the opportunity to hear from stakeholders on this matter and work with members of this Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.