



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Powers, Vice-Chair Wallan, Members of the Committee, thank you for considering HB 2205, on public enforcement actions.

As you know, Oregon currently has limitations on the ability of private persons and organizations to bring about public enforcement actions on behalf of the state. Violations of state laws are often systemic and can impact all Oregonians, undermining the economic stability of the state.

Despite strong protections within Oregon law, there are limited public resources for enforcement, which leads to these violations not being enforced. Public enforcement actions allow for private citizens and organizations to recover civil penalties for both the aggrieved parties and the government. This allows for better enforcement of the laws while not overwhelming Oregon's already strained public resources.

This bill would allow for Oregonians to protect their fellow citizens by enforcing the law. This will better our communities and protect our the most vulnerable Oregonians.

Colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I hope you'll join me in supporting HB 2205. I appreciate the thoughtful work that so many of you have put into this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Wilde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "W".

Marty Wilde
State Representative, House District 11