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Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation,

On behalf of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (“OADC”), which represents approximately 600 civil defense lawyers, we would like to offer our support of SB 1581.

OADC has consistently believed that the salaries of judges in Oregon need to be increased in order to attract the most qualified and talented members of the Bar to judicial positions. SB 1581, in increasing the annual salaries of the judges of the Supreme court, court of Appeals, circuit courts and Oregon Tax Court, makes it more likely that our courts will attract judges who understand the civil justice system, especially complex civil cases. This makes good sense, and we believe would help to promote the judiciary and also advance the interests of the civil Bar.

If you would like further testimony from any of our members on the importance of the passage of this bill to civil practitioners here in Oregon, we would be happy to offer testimony. Thank you for your consideration of OADC’s input on this important bill.

Sincerely,

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