

Senator Prozanski, chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: SB581-support

February 5, 2023

Senator Prozanski,

I am writing in **support of SB581**, relating to earned reduction in supervision. This bill builds on important progress made in previous sessions and is important to Oregonians who are making a sincere effort to successfully reenter society.

People transition from prison to successful reentry at different rates. The factors effecting their progress are individual and varied. The current system fails to recognize that individual variability. A system of earned time reduction incentivizes positive movement toward pro-social behaviors. I released from prison four years ago and now have fully integrated into society with a good job, supportive family and friends, a faith community, and community volunteerism. My parole officer was an important partner but their limited time would be better spent on more needy people who have recently released.

Please consider adding time reduction as an incentive to reintegration and release hard-working parole officers to help those who need their help the most. I support SB 581.

Scott Strickland