



TO: Senate Human Services Committee  
FROM: Todd Addams, Interim Executive Director, Basic Rights Oregon  
DATE: 3/2/2023  
RE: Support for SB 606

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Robinson, and committee members,

I'm writing to express Basic Rights Oregon's support for Senate Bill 606, the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act. As a nonprofit advocacy organization for LGBTQ2SIA+ equality, we recognize that SB 606 is critical to the health of the nonprofit sector and the communities we serve.

Basic Rights Oregon serves Oregon's LGBTQ2SIA+ community in a variety of ways. We advocate for inclusive policy at the state and local levels, provide organizational equity training, facilitate leadership cohorts, plan and attend events to strengthen community ties, and assist with referrals to direct-service organizations. We're proud of the vital work we do—but we also recognize the challenges that come with being a nonprofit in Oregon.

We have a small team doing crucial work, which can too often lead to employee burnout and low capacity rates. We also partner with many other Oregon nonprofits through our coalition work, and we know the problems that plague the nonprofit world: burdensome reporting requirements, complex or confusing grant applications, late payments and more.

The Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act will make a huge difference for Basic Rights Oregon, the communities we serve, and our partner organizations. Eliminating reimbursement as a form of payment for state grants; providing more funding to prevent employee burnout and turnover; and studying sustainable government-nonprofit relationships are all changes that will make a material difference for our team and the work we do.

Basic Rights Oregon appreciates your consideration of SB 606. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Todd Addams  
Interim Executive Director, Basic Rights Oregon