



This testimony is from Multnomah Democrats' Criminal Justice Study Group. We support SB 581 because we know it will benefit everyone. Being able to earn up to 50% off one's sentence provides a strong incentive to the person reentering the community to follow the rules and do well on probation or post-prison supervision. Furthermore, it is also beneficial for their supervisor.

SB 581 simplifies the rules for eligibility and makes eligibility requirements consistent for people on probation and parole. And eligibility will appropriately apply regardless of sentencing date.

When people have served their time of incarceration, the point of supervision should be to help them successfully integrate into community life and rebuild their lives, and not to unnecessarily hold them back from employment, housing, and family life. Therefore, it makes sense to shorten the supervision for those who demonstrate their readiness.

Although we are glad that SB 581 includes people sentenced for two M.11 crimes, we feel this doesn't go far enough. We think it would make more sense for every person under supervision to be eligible to earn time off that supervision, since the benefits of providing an incentive for positive behavior is universally applicable.

Please move this sensible legislation to the House floor.