

Submitter: Leslie Walker
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB581

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Community safety depends on people's success during their community supervision. That's why the Oregon legislature must continue to remove barriers and promote opportunities that help people thrive on parole and probation. As your constituent, I urge you to pass SB 581.

Earned discharge is a Department of Corrections and Community Corrections process that requires a supervising officer to assess an eligible person's progress on supervision, keep the individual updated on that progress, and allow a reduction in the length of supervision for people who are meeting their case plan goals.

SB 581 will make the earned discharge eligibility requirements consistent for people who are parole, probation, and post-prison supervision by:

1. Creating consistency. Allowing those who are eligible and are successfully meeting their supervision goals to earn up to a 50% reduction in their sentence, regardless of when they were convicted.
2. Promoting racial equity. Safely reducing the number of people on supervision and making the public safety system more equitable.
3. Incentivizing success. Rewarding people who are successful by providing feedback for making progress on their case plan.
4. Reducing caseloads. Supervision officers can focus on people who are struggling to comply with their conditions of post-prison supervision.

I value real public safety solutions over punishment. Please support success on supervision and pass SB 581.

Sincerely,
Leslie Walker