



March 21, 2023

Chair Jason Kropf
Vice-Chairs Tom Anderson and Kim Wallen
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

RE: Support for HB 2391

Chair Kropf & Members of the Committee:

As you know, Washington County is the second largest county in the state of Oregon, with over 600,000 people residing within the County. Since 1990, the county's population has nearly doubled in size, and this growth has made us one of the most rapidly growing and most diverse counties in the state.

In order to provide services to support victims of crime in the criminal justice system, counties across the state need investment. HB 2391 will provide resources that will be used to support vulnerable individuals as they navigate a challenging process with someone to accompany them throughout. This needs to be done in a manner that is trauma-informed and culturally specific. The Washington County's District Attorney's office must provide this assistance to the diverse county population.

While our population is growing, the federal funding that have supported this important work has declined since 2018. The additional resources provided in HB 2391 will support the victims of crimes across our County.

Therefore, we request that the committee support HB 2391 and this needed funding.

Sincerely,

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