



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

HB 2008 -Updating Oregon's Debt Collection Policies-Support with amendments

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The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports the effort to update and improve upon Oregon's Debt Collection rules.

Improvement to Oregon's laws will help Oregonians facing debts to maintain some semblance of normalcy while paying off debt.

The headline says it all.

## **CFPB Orders Repeat Offender Portfolio Recovery Associates to Pay More Than \$24 Million for Continued Illegal Debt Collection Practices and Consumer Reporting Violations**

Debt collection giant filed lawsuits even when it lacked documentation about the debt (full 23 March 2023 press release link attached below.)

This company as of 24 March 2023 since the beginning of the year, has filed 939 lawsuits in Oregon courts.

It is time to reform Oregon's Debt laws and help Oregonians who are struggling often because of one incident: a lost job, illness and medical bills, divorce.

Please pass HB 2008 with amendments.

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<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/cfpb-orders-portfolio-recovery-associates-to-pay-more-than-24-million-illegal-debt-collection-practices-reporting-violations/>

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