

Dear Chair Kropf and committee members,

I served as a Klamath County Circuit Court Judge for about 30 years. Over that time and prior to it, Klamath County District Attorneys filed literally thousands of "blanket" motions to disqualify me and other judges using ORS 14.260. The removals occurred regardless of the facts of the case and regardless of the defendant or victim.

The removals occurred despite the fact that the voters of Klamath County re-elected me many times to hear the community's cases including presumably the criminal cases.

This practice was extremely disruptive to our smaller court because it was not possible to reassign cases for a timely trial or as is sometimes otherwise necessary to make the court more efficient.

The practice also created a chilling effect upon other judges in my district because they knew they too might be removed from all of the district attorney office's cases if they ruled contrary to the district attorney's wishes.

SB 807 should be passed.

Sincerely,

Senior Circuit Court Judge Cameron Wogan