

**To: Chairperson Kropf and Members of the Committee.**

**From: W. Michael Gillette, retired Oregon Supreme Court Justice**

**Re: Support for SB 807A, follow up testimony**

During the course of the presentation by Ms. Williams, Mr. Sandrock, and me on May 8, and after I had described some of the interpersonal difficulties that challenging a judge entailed, I believe that the Chair made some remark to the effect that he did not see how the pending Bill would solve that.

I did not understand the Chair's statement—if I heard it correctly—to be a question. Thinking it over now, I'm not so sure. In any event, I wish the Chair and the Committee to know that the proposed Bill is not a panacea for every conflict between a judge and a lawyer or party. It will, however, cut down on difficulties that a challenged judge has with the present burden of proof, encourage a ready hearing for disagreements that cannot be resolved, and cut down on the "blanket challenge" process that is seriously compromising the ability of elected judges to do the work they were elected to do. That seems to more than warrant passage of the proposed Bill.

Thank you for considering my remarks.

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