



# Salem Capital Pride

## Written Testimony for Senate Bill 1503



Date: **February 8, 2024**

Re: Salem Capital Pride Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1503

Dear Chair Prozanski and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

Salem Capital Pride appreciates the opportunity to submit the following testimony for Senate Bill 1503.

Salem Capital Pride seeks to elevate the voices of the LGBTQIA+ and other minority communities in the central Willamette Valley and provide opportunities for the promotion of and advocacy for those communities and our allies.

Salem Capital Pride is in support of this bill because the LGBTQIA+ community is overrepresented in gun violence and suicide rates and any efforts to reduce them helps our community.

Our only suggestion is that in addition to the qualifications in Section 1(2), the 12 appointed members represent the diversity of Oregon including representation from the LGBTQIA+ community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Salem Capital Pride