

Testimony in support of HB 4097

I am an activist for smart criminal justice reforms. Here is a situation in Oregon that needs fixing and can be fixed this year!

When a person has a criminal record, even after they have served all their time and been released, they very often continue to be "punished" by being unable to obtain the housing and employment and other opportunities they are ready for. Such individuals would often be eligible to solve this problem by expunging their record, but there are roadblocks in the way that shouldn't be there-- the process is too complex and slow or they owe fines and fees that they can't afford to pay.

Fortunately, there is now a bipartisan bill in Salem, HB4097, that can eliminate the roadblocks that were never intended to prevent individuals from achieving their goals and getting on with creating a successful life for themselves in the community. Send this bill to the floor so it can be passed without delay!