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Honorable Judiciary Members:

When amendment(s)-4 to SB1576 come before Judiciary on Monday afternoon, please ask yourself, as I ask myself, why the rush? What is the Emergency?

The Gilliam County Court broke Oregon law in early December, 2023 when it transferred Probate to Circuit Court. It gave tacit acknowledgement of wrongdoing but has not corrected its error. Gilliam County Court seeks an amendment to SB1576 -4 as a "Get Out of Jail Free" card.

What lesson in leadership does this teach? You break the law; you get caught; you get the law changed !!! Not in Oregon.

If there's an emergency in Gilliam County, the remedy is simply that Gilliam County Court follow the law; not that Oregon Legislature provide cover for those disobeying and distorting it.

Respectfully,

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