



Testimony supporting SB 938

The Multnomah County Democrats' Criminal Justice Study Group supports SB 938. We support any efforts geared toward making Restorative Justice programs more available and easily accessible in Oregon.

Restorative Justice is a set of principles and practices that create a different approach to dealing with crime and its impacts. Restorative Justice practices work to address the dehumanization frequently experienced by people in the traditional criminal justice system.

Data supports that restorative justice practices reduce recidivism, increases safety, costs less than traditional justice processes, and creates stronger communities. Victims are providing a voice, are empowered and can get a degree of satisfaction from interacting with the person who harmed them.

Please support SB 938 so that statewide coalitions dedicated to Restorative Justice can help providers extend the availability of these important programs.

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