

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 743  
BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
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Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written feedback on Senate Bill (SB) 743, which would require the recording of certain child abuse investigations conducted by the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency. The Oregon Judicial Department is neutral on the policy contained in this bill, but asks for consideration of amendments to clarify retention, storage, use, and discovery of recordings made through this process.

As an example, ORS 133.741 requires law enforcement agencies to develop a policy for use, storage, and retention of video and audio recordings resulting from the operation of video cameras worn upon a law enforcement officer's person that record the officer's interactions with members of the public while the officer is on duty. The policies require that recordings are stored for at least 180 days but no more than 30 months if not related to a court proceeding or criminal investigation. The statute places requirements on third-party vendors and makes a prohibition on other uses of the recordings.

This statute may not be entirely appropriate for import into the recordings found in SB 743. We are happy to continue discussions on what a suitable policy for retention, storage, use, and discovery of the recordings might be.

Thank you for your consideration.