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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon

Re: Opposition to SB 1130 - Parenting Time Enforcement

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Kevin Gage. For over 40 years, I have been an attorney practicing in Salem, Oregon. My practice during that time has been limited exclusively to divorce and family law. I am a member of the Family Law Section of the Oregon State Bar. I have co-authored chapters found in the Family Law CLE manual published by the Oregon State Bar.

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1130.

Current law already provides all of the resources necessary to meet the needs this bill purports to address. The serious problem created by the bill is that it limits the discretion of a judge to apply appropriate remedies based on the actual circumstances presented. The bill appears to create mandatory remedies without regard to the actual circumstances presented. This bill is not only unnecessary; it is counter-productive and harmful to parties and their children by preventing judges from having the flexibility needed to address each case based upon the actual facts each case presents.

I strongly urge the Committee to decline to adopt this proposed bill

Very Truly Yours,

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