

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2460-A
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

HB 2460-A organizes, clarifies, and modifies Oregon's laws related to justice court and municipal court appeals. This bill is the product of the thoughtful work of the Oregon Law Commission and numerous stakeholders over several years, and we appreciate the Municipal and Justice Courts Appeals Workgroup's consideration of the Oregon Judicial Department's (OJD's) suggestions on how to achieve the bill's goals. This included numerous changes to ensure that OJD will be able to operationalize the requirements of the bill with minimal impact on court operations and processes, along with various changes to help clarify the law.

OJD anticipates that we will be able to readily implement the aspects of the bill that affect OJD processes and court procedures, which include the requirement that OJD create new statewide notice of appeal forms to be used in local courts, configuring our case management system to accommodate the new types and scope of appeals provided by the bill, and creating new judgment forms, among others.

Additionally, if the work of the Oregon Law Commission on issues related to justice courts and municipal courts continues, OJD would welcome the opportunity to participate, as we believe there are additional issues that would be worthwhile for this collaborative and thoughtful workgroup to discuss. One issue of particular interest to OJD is responsibility for local court records when a local court is abolished.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide this written testimony on HB 2460-A. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.