



**TO: Rep. Jason Kropf, Chair
Rep. Kim Wallan, Vice Chair
Rep. Willy Chotzen, Vice Chair
Members of House Judiciary Committee**

FR: Oregon District Attorneys Association

RE: HB 4072 – Support

February 9, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon District Attorney's Association (ODAA), I write to express our support for House Bill 4072, relating to modifications to the statutory time period within which individuals released from custody must be arraigned. This legislation helps clarify the timeframe for arraignment by excluding specified periods of time that have historically presented practical challenges under current law.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Oregon Judicial Department for their continued efforts to address inefficiencies in our court processes, particularly when the resolution has consensus and no fiscal impact, as with HB 4072.

HB 4072 provides clearer statutory language on how the arraignment timeline is calculated, specifically excluding weekends, holidays, and other court closures from the 96 hours after-arrest time frame by which a person must be arraigned. This adjustment aligns state statute with real-world court operations and reduces confusion for all parties involved. Clearer procedural standards strengthen legal compliance and reduce unnecessary delays to case resolutions arising from ambiguous deadlines.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee's support of HB 4072. We believe this bill is a practical improvement to Oregon's criminal procedures that supports judicial efficiency and enhances clarity for all stakeholders.