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Honorable Chair: My name is Robert Watada and I am a long time resident of Lane County, Oregon. I am Asian American and many Asian American members of our community have been adversely affected by the current law on granting bail to accused felons.

I am flabbergasted that someone from a another country can come into our community or any community, commit a felony such as a burglary of a private home, be caught by the police, and pay a few bucks and quietly leave the jurisdiction. Somehow that does not make sense, and provides no justice for crimes committed in our jurisdiction.

The judges say they are following the law passed by the legislature. If that is the case, common sense and justice says to change the law. SB 1516A purportedly does that by giving the judges the authority to recognize that someone coming into your community and commits a crime is clearly a "flight risk".

I strongly support SB 1516A and ask that our elected lawmakers do likewise.
Thank you.