

February 22, 2024

To: Oregon Justice Resource Center

Re: Request for Racial and Ethnic Impact Statement on HB 4002

Mr. Bobbin Singh, Mr. Zach Winston, and Mr. Ben Haile,

We received your letter dated February 20 urging us to request a Racial and Ethnic Impact Statement for House Bill 4002. Thank you for your ongoing advocacy in this space and your commitment to protecting the civil rights and wellbeing of all Oregonians.

We share your concerns about the historical disproportionate impact our criminal justice system has had on people of color in Oregon. Today, Rep. Jason Kropf, Sen. Kate Lieber, Rep. Kevin Mannix, and Sen. Tim Knopp have requested an REIS for House Bill 4002 from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. That analysis will be made public through the Oregon Legislative Information System once it is complete.

A core principle of our work has been reimagining Oregon's justice system and identifying proven solutions that will lead to positive outcomes for our entire state. This analysis, our continued legislative oversight of law enforcement, and new law enforcement data collection as required by House Bill 4002 will help us continue to improve our response to the drug and addiction crisis in Oregon.

Sincerely,

House Speaker Dan Rayfield

Senate President Rob Wagner