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House Democrats Vote to Improve Public Safety for Every Oregonian

Senate Bill 1510 will reduce unnecessary stops and focus Oregon's public safety system on addressing recidivism and serious crime

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Oregon House passed <u>Senate Bill 1510 B</u>, which will reduce unnecessary traffic stops, prioritize responses to serious crime and take steps to support successful reentry for Oregonians on probation and parole.

"This bill is based on the value that everyone deserves to feel safe in their neighborhood," said <u>Rep. Janelle Bynum (</u>D-Clackamas), Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary. "By ensuring law enforcement can focus on serious crime and taking proven steps to reduce recidivism, we can build a public safety system that promotes equitable treatment and protects every Oregonian."

The bill will limit stops for non-dangerous traffic violations like broken tail lights, while retaining law enforcement's ability to stop drivers for dangerous behavior.

"Black Oregonians are pulled over by police disproportionately, and that puts people at risk," said <u>Rep. Travis Nelson</u> (D-Portland). "Limiting stops and searches that don't support public safety is just common sense."

The bill also makes changes to parole and probation policies to better support reentry, especially for Oregonians of color. Policies include establishing standards for remote check-ins with parole and probation officers and trauma-informed and culturally specific training to improve outcomes for people of color.

"By building a justice system to truly support Oregonians who are reentering our community, we can reduce recidivism," said <u>Rep. Barbara Smith Warner</u> (D-Portland). "That will lead to better and more equitable outcomes, which will make us all safer."

SB 1510 passed the House 34-24 and now heads to the Governor for her signature.

