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**Oregon Progressive Party  
Position on Bill at 2017  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**SB 357: Support**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which removes entering or remaining unlawfully in or on public transit vehicle or public transit station as manner of committing crime of interfering with public transportation.

The existing statute is hopelessly vague, and it creates a crime, even if the "person in charge " (ORS 164.205(3)(b)) issues an unlawful order to "leave premises."

The -1 amendment would only reduce this offense from a Class A misdemeanor (maximum \$6,250 fine, 1 year in prison) to a Class C misdemeanor (maximum \$1,250 fine, 30 days in Prison), unless the person has 3 or more prior convictions for this offense. The repeat offender could still be charged with a Class A misdemeanor.

We support the original bill.

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