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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2018
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 1559: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports on this bill, which:

- Modifies whistleblower protections to require public employers to allow anonymous reports.
- Requires Oregon Department of Justice to develop a mandatory training program, and a manual describing implementation standards that must be consistent with Bureau of Labor and Industries' rules.
- Requires the Bureau of Labor and Industries to study whistleblowing activities and make recommendations.

Oregon has weak whistleblower protections for state employees and others. This bill is a small step toward adopting reasonable whistleblower processes.

We are indifferent as to whether the rules are adopted by the Oregon Department of Justice or by BOLI (as provided for in the -2 amendment).

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