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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bills at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 750: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which establishes procedures for aggrieved persons, whistleblowers or representative organizations to bring action in name of state to recover civil penalties for violations of certain laws related to labor and employment.

Our support is solidified by the telling testimony of Myriam Gilles, Vice Dean and Paul R. Verkuil Research Chair at the Cardozo School of Law. She documents that mandatory arbitration brought on by AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion and Epic Systems v. Lewis has replaced our system of justice with private "courts," where decisions are made by corporate lawyers sitting as judges (arbitrators) in a system with no due process, no requirement for written opinions, no development of case law, and no appeal to the real justice system.

If anything, the scope of SB 750 should be expanded to laws related to consumer and environmental protection as well.

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