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Testimony in Support of HB 2776
April 15, 2015, Hearing Room 343, 3 pm
House Committee on Judiciary,

Chair Barker; Co-Vice Chairs Olson and Williamson; Representatives Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Post, Sprenger:

The Oregon Commission for Women, in its role of advocate for the women of Oregon, strongly supports HB 2776.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill that closes another gap in protections for those in dangerous partner abuse situations where the usual path for protective orders would take too long for an emergency situation. The role of police officers in interventions in these situations has saved the lives of many women, their children and others who are threatened by intimate partners. But there are still situations where they are not empowered to intervene to the extent needed, and the death statistics in Oregon show we could do better. HB 2776 gives officers the ability to make an onsite assessment of the situation when called to a disturbance and provide a Temporary Emergency Protective Order.

The Oregon Commission for Women thanks Representative Parish for her leadership on this bill and urges an Aye vote on HB 2776.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Vardavas, Chair, Oregon Commission for Women

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