

Resolution Form:

[TITLE OF RESOLUTION]

WHEREAS, [statement about purpose of Resolution]; and

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WHEREAS, [statement about purpose of Resolution]; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that [action to be taken by the Oregon State Bar, Board of Governors, or House of Delegates].

Submitted by:
Name
Bar Number
HOD Region/Ex-Officio Status
Representation

Background Statement

[Provide any additional information about the resolution in the background statement.]

Financial Impact

[Provide information about the financial impact if the resolution passes. If no impact is expected, note that no financial impact expected.]

Example

WHEREAS, many individuals in Oregon cannot afford legal representation, leading to a significant justice gap; and

WHEREAS, pro bono legal services provided by bar members can significantly help bridge the justice gap and support underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Bar has a long-standing commitment to promoting access to justice for all Oregonians; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility and impact of implementing a mandatory pro bono service requirement need thorough evaluation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oregon State Bar shall establish a committee to study the feasibility and potential impact of a mandatory pro bono service requirement for all active bar members.

Submitted by [Lawyer Name]
OSB No. 999999, Ex-Officio Member Chair of the OSB Family

Background

Access to legal services is a fundamental right essential for justice and equality, yet many individuals in Oregon cannot afford legal representation, creating a significant justice gap. Recognizing the crucial role of pro bono legal services in supporting underserved communities, this resolution proposes forming a committee to study the feasibility and impact of a mandatory pro bono service requirement for bar members. The committee will conduct a thorough analysis, review best practices, survey bar members, and consult with community organizations to ensure that any proposed requirement is practical, effective, and equitable, thereby enhancing the availability of legal assistance to those in need.

Financial Impact

The Bar will incur costs as to staff the committee. Costs to staff the committee are likely to be about \$5,000 over the course of the review.