



CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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RE: Meri Li, et al v. State of Oregon, et al, 0403-03057.

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The original filing in this case was dismissed upon the parties agreement to allow a refiling that would remove the standing issues and focus on the constitutionality of ORS 106, et seq. Argument has been set for this Friday and new issues have been raised by defendants and intervenors which are beyond the agreed upon scope. The additional issues are important, but cannot be fully developed or briefed within the very short time frame that the parties agreed to. So, my focus and my ruling will be on the constitutionality issue only and all other issues will be separated and dealt with later if need be.

Very truly yours,


FRANK L. BEARDEN
Circuit Judge