

Public Comment Submitted  
Via Task Force on Removing  
Barriers to Jury Service  
Online Contact Form

Public Comment Submitted May 2, 2026, by Tracie Layman:

“Jury selection seems to be missing a large group of available jurors: seniors. I have lived here for 16 years and only received one summons for jury duty. I may be elderly but my mind is still sharp. I believe there are many like me in Deschutes County.”

Public Comment Submitted May 2, 2026, by Doug Jeffries:

“Just read an article in the Bend Bulletin about your task force. I served on a couple juries - the last one was a grand jury in Deschutes County. I found it educational about the law, how it is applied and enforced, limits placed on prosecutors etc. But to your issue of making jury duty more appealing - the one thing that I hate most about jury duty is having to sit and listen to people rant and rave about personal rights and refusing to listen to anything anyone else has to say. If people would honestly and openly listen to what someone else has to say; and if people would contain their commentary to facts and questions specific to the case and the laws in effects it would go a long way to making the process more palatable. I also think it is a travesty to mandate a unanimous decision in order to pass judgment. When and where in today's society will you ever get 100% of the people to agree? The system needs to revert back to majority rule, otherwise it's just an exercise in frustration.”