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Senate Judiciary Committee
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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Close, and Senators Dingfelder, Kruse, and Roblan:

Thank you for holding this informational hearing. The Chairs of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions submit this testimony in support of SB 560 on police profiling on behalf of:

- The Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs
- The Commission on Black Affairs
- The Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Community safety, policing and access to justice for communities of color and women is a strategic priority of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions. This includes the overrepresentation of communities of color among arrested and incarcerated individuals, and the underrepresentation of these communities among professionals serving the public in law enforcement and related fields.

We believe that oversight in use of police profiling and providing a mechanism for effectively reviewing public complaints around their perception of misuse of profiling is necessary to community safety in Oregon. The Oregon Advocacy Commissions reflect the voice and experiences of underrepresented communities in Oregon including immigrants, and long established communities of color who feel they routinely experience unfair use of profiling in traffic stops and other connection with police. There can be no true feeling of safety under those conditions. The Commissions applaud the legislature for holding this informational hearing and look forward to the next session for more on this subject from the legislature.

Sincerely,

Stephen Ying, Chair, OCAPIA

Andrea Cano, Chair, OCHA

Isaac Dixon, Chair, OCBA

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