

OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS

February 29, 2016

Rep. Jennifer Williamson Oregon State Capitol, H-295 Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Senate Bill 1553-B - SUPPORT

Representative,

On behalf of the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS) and our members, I want to offer our support of SB 1553-B

In creating an assault crime in instances where someone in a motor vehicle causes serious injury to a vulnerable user on the road, this bill helps ensure the safety of many Oregonians – not least of all police officers and sheriff's deputies who find themselves on foot (especially when giving a citation on the side of a busy highway) or on bike.

This measure is a great step towards improving the safety of Oregon's public safety officers and we urge support of the measure.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Respectfully,

Daryl Turner

President, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs