

OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS

February 6, 2018

House Committee on Rules Oregon State Capitol Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HCR 203, HCR 204, and HCR 207 - SUPPORT

Chair Williamson,

I would like to extend my thanks to you and to Representatives Ron Noble and Andy Olson for putting forth HCR 203, HCR 204, and HCR 207. While Deputy Thomas Robert Farrell, Deputy Gil Catalino Datan, and Trooper Ralph D. Bates may have served our communities at different times and with different law enforcement units, they nevertheless shared a common brotherhood and served a common value that is honored here today by your resolutions.

Each of our members, and each law enforcement officer in our state and others, is all too aware of the risks that accompany the responsibility they have taken on. To protect and serve their communities at the expense of their own security is a trust that these three officers bore with an integrity that serves as an example of public service — and a bittersweet reminder of the dangers our current officers may face every day.

The Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs offers its thanks to Deputy Thomas Robert Farrell, Deputy Gil Catalino Datan, and Trooper Ralph D. Bates, and offers our sincerest condolences to their families.

Respectfully,

Daryl Turner President, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs

Cc: House Committee on Rules Rep. Andy Olson Rep. Ron Noble