



Comments on HB 2299 (Eluding Police Officers)

To: House Committee on Judiciary

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Chair Williamson, members of the committee:

The Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS) represents line officers and sheriffs' deputies throughout the State of Oregon. We are the state's largest law enforcement organization, and are comprised of over forty local law enforcement organizations.

While we strive to ensure that law enforcement officers' interactions with the public are safe, that is obviously not always able to be the case. Individuals who attempt to flee or elude officers -- even for relatively minor infractions -- can create drastically dangerous scenarios for themselves, for officers, and for the public at large.

House Bill 2299 provides appropriate penalties for such offenses in order to allay these actions. ORCOPS urges your support of HB 2299.