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To: Members of the Oregon House of Representatives

From: Oregon State Sheriffs' Association
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police
Oregon State Police
League of Oregon Cities
Association of Oregon Counties

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Re: Law Enforcement and Local Government Support
for Police Reform Package

HB 2162, HB 2513, HB 2928, HB 2929, HB 2930, HB 2932, HB 2936, HB 2986,
HB 3047, HB 3059, HB 3145, HB 3164, HB 3273, HB 3355

Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, Oregon State Police, League of Oregon Cities and Association of Oregon Counties, please accept this floor letter in support of the package of police reform measures before you today.

Oregon law enforcement has a proven track record of working closely with the Oregon State Legislature to establish public safety legislation that is responsive to community needs, reflects best practice and that improves public safety outcomes for all Oregonians. With this as a goal, Oregon law enforcement was pleased to play a role in the collaborative and bi-partisan process that resulted in the series of police reform bills that are moving through the legislative process. We want to thank House Judiciary Committee Chair Janelle Bynum for her leadership and the members of the committee for their active engagement throughout the process. We believe strongly that this legislation represents a meaningful and comprehensive change to police practice that will translate into increased equity, transparency and enhanced community trust in Oregon policing. We urge you to join us in support of the measures listed below:

- **HB 2162:** Requires police agencies with more than 35 sworn personnel to be accredited by 2023. The measure also adds public members to the Board on Police Standards and training.
- **HB 2513:** Requires all police officers to receive lifesaving training in CPR and circulatory anatomy and requires law enforcement officers to contact EMS immediately when they encounter a restrained person suffering a respiratory or cardiac compromise.
- **HB 2928:** Regulates the use of chemical incapacitants, Kinetic Impact projectiles and sound devices.
- **HB 2929:** Clarifies the “duty to report” obligations of police officers when they witness misconduct and ensures that those with the appropriate authority to discipline or initiate investigations are notified.
- **HB 2930:** Imposes limitations to the decisions of arbitrators in police misconduct arbitration proceedings.
- **HB 2932:** Requires Police agencies to submit Use of Force data to the FBI National Use of Force Database and tasks the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission with obtaining and analyzing the data and submitting a report of findings to the Oregon Legislature.
- **HB 2936:** Ensures law enforcement agencies follow a standardized background for law enforcement candidates, allow law enforcement agencies greater tools to vet applicants to ensure only the highest quality individuals are hired in the policing profession.
- **HB 2986:** Ensures law enforcement officers are trained to recognize, investigate, and report crimes motivated by prejudice involving a person’s gender.
- **HB 3047:** Establishes a civil course of action for an individual who doxes (publishes personal information of another individual).
- **HB 3059:** Modifies the unlawful assembly statute from “shall go among” and “must arrest” to “may go among” and “may arrest” when an unlawful assembly is declared.
- **HB 3145:** Requires police agencies to provide information to DPSST for certified Police Officers who are issued an economic discipline sanction that is sustained through arbitration. DPSST is required to make this information available through a public facing database.
- **HB 3164:** Modifies the Interfering with Police Officer statute, removes refusal to obey an order.
- **HB 3273:** Prevents the public release of jail booking photos except for legitimate public safety purposes.
- **HB 3355:** Requires police officers who are assigned to work crowd management in cities over 150,000 population (and law enforcement who assist these agencies) to wear uniforms that clearly identify the officers first initial and last name or unique identifier, name of jurisdiction and the word POLICE, SHERIFF or TROOPER on the front and back. Requires officers to provide their name or unique identifier when requested by a member of the public if it is practical, safe and tactically feasible to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.