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To: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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Re: Testimony-SB48-Pretrial/bail reform

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 48, pretrial/bail reform.

OSSA and OACP supports the overall objective of this measure in the reforming the Oregon pretrial/bail system. Many Sheriff's Offices and Community Corrections agencies across the state have incorporated pretrial release systems to aid the courts in making pretrial release decisions. These systems include personnel who interview pretrial detainees in order to determine risk factors as well as utilizing risk assessment tools and gathering of information that includes the severity of the crime that aids the court in its decision on whether or not to release a pretrial detainee. These systems also include monitoring of pretrial detainees, reminders of court appearances and response to detainees who fail to follow conditions of pretrial release. These pretrial systems have proven to be effective in assisting the courts in making the decision on who poses the greatest risk to the community and should be preventatively detained and those individuals who are a lower risk and can be released back into the community pretrial. While we believe the pretrial functions being performed at the local level should be an OJD responsibility, Sheriffs and Community Corrections agencies have taken this responsibility on as OJD does not possess the funds to provide this service in most counties and it is a best practice/helps aid jail's with population management.

With this being said, OSSA and OACP would like to be on record that any pretrial reform needs to focus on the three very important areas including; Protecting victims and the community,

considering the severity of the pretrial detainee's crime and ensuring that release criteria is adopted statewide so it is consistent and equitable.

Finally, OSSA and OACP believes it is important to have a uniform risk assessment tool that can be validated for use by communities/jails throughout the state.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this testimony and I'm happy to answer any questions the committee might have.