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

From: Chief John Teague
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Date: May 11, 2021

Re: **Testimony in support of HB 2929-A –Law Enforcement Duty to Intervene and report**

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 in support of HB 2929-A.

As a matter of background, OSSA and OACP supported HB 4205, legislation that was passed in the first special session of 2020 that required law enforcement officers to intervene police misconduct when safe to do so and to report the misconduct. Once the measure passed and was signed into law, both associations began working with local law enforcement agencies on policy and training to ensure the measure was fully implemented. It was quickly determined that several areas of the legislation needed adjusted language in order to better clarify the obligations of both law enforcement officers and agencies. This measure makes the necessary clarifications to ensure the intent of the original measure can be implemented statewide by law enforcement.

To that end, HB 2929 clarifies the "duty to report" obligations of law enforcement officers when they witness misconduct and ensures that those with the appropriate authority to discipline or initiate investigations are notified.

OSSA and OACP would like to encourage the passage of this measure and asks for the committee's support. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and we would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.