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

From: Jason Myers, Executive Director
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On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

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Re: Testimony in support of HB 2986 –DPSST Policy and Training related to Bias crimes

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 2986.

HB 2986 Requires:

- The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to ensure all police officers and certified reserve officers receive training related to investigating, identifying, and reporting crimes motivated by prejudice based on perceived gender of the victim.
- The minimum statewide qualifications for employment as a law enforcement officer are established in rule by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). The rules specify that all law enforcement officers must receive training on the investigation, identification and reporting of crimes motivated by prejudice based on perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation or beliefs, membership or activity in or on behalf of a labor organization or against a labor organization, physical or mental disability, age, economic or social status or citizenship of the victim (see OAR 259-008-0085(1)(b)(E)). HB 2986 adds gender to this list.

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.