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To: **Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Equitable Policing**

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Re: **Testimony re HB 3164 Dash 1 Amendment – Crime of Interfering with a Peace Officer**

Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support HB 3164 with the adoption of the dash 1 amendments which makes changes to the Crime of Interfering with a Peace Officer statute. The dash 1 amendment provides that the crime of interfering occurs when a person "intentionally or knowingly acts" in a manner that prevents an officer from performing their lawful duties with regard to another person or a criminal investigation. The amendment also prevents an arrest for the crime of interfering with a peace officer if the officer can arrest a person for acts that constitute any other criminal offense.

We can support HB 3164 with the dash 1 amendment. We also want to acknowledge that there are other legislative measures under consideration during the 2021 Legislative Session that propose changes to statutes that need to be considered together in order to avoid unintended consequences. These include changes to the unlawful assembly statute and to statutes regulating the use of teargas and munitions for crowd control purposes. We are hopeful that a conversation regarding the intersection of these potential measures is possible if additional measures will be considered.

Thank you for your consideration.