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Testimony in Support of HB 3004

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Chair Neron, Vice-Chair McIntire, Vice-Chair Dobson, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 3004. Partnership for Safety and Justice (PSJ) advocates for public safety policies that ensure accountability, equity, and healing for people convicted of crime, crime survivors, and the families and communities of both. For over 25 years, our work has promoted community and public safety with policies that keep families together, reduce racial disparities, and invest in communities across Oregon.

In 2023, Partnership for Safety and Justice worked with advocates and service providers of hospital-based violence intervention and prevention programs to secure funding for their continued operation. Victims of violent crime are an underserved population and disproportionately people of color, also an underserved community. These programs work with gun violence victims to reduce retaliatory violence, help people heal, and keep families and communities safe. They provide critical and under-resourced services.

Across Oregon, there is continued need for these types of programs and services, particularly for youth.

HB 3004, with the -1 amendment, would require the Youth Development Division (YDD) of the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to conduct a study about the landscape of existing violence intervention and prevention programs. With the results of the study, Oregon should create a long-term plan to address the ongoing needs of communities experiencing violence across the state.

This bill can set Oregon on a path to creating safer communities and neighborhoods. We urge your support of this important bill, and thank you for your consideration.