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House Committee on Judiciary

Oregon State Capitol Building
900 Court Street NE, Hearing Room F
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Portland Police Bureau, I am writing to express our support for House Bill 3553. As you know, fentanyl use has increased dramatically in Oregon since the pandemic, posing significant risks to public health and safety. We appreciate the work the legislature has done in recent years to try to help Oregonians experiencing addiction while balancing public safety needs across the state. We have seen meaningful progress and continue to stand ready as partners in helping those who are ensnared in addiction get access to life-saving recovery services while ensure the people who make and sell these dangerous drugs are held accountable.

House Bill 3553 represents another important step in tackling the flow of drugs and preventing deadly overdoses. By outlawing the possession of a pill press, an essential tool in the illicit drug trade used to produce counterfeit pills containing lethal substances like fentanyl and methamphetamine, this legislation equips law enforcement with additional tools to disrupt drug manufacturing and distribution at its source.

Although progress is being made, fentanyl overdoses continue to devastate communities across Oregon, with counterfeit pills playing a major role in this crisis. HB 3553 directly targets a key component of illicit drug production, helping to curb the flow of dangerous substances into our neighborhoods.

For these reasons, we urge your support of House Bill 3553.

Sincerely,

Chief Bob Day
Portland Police Bureau

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