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April 23rd, 2025

Re: Support for Senate Bill 5032

Dear Co-Chair Broadman, Co-Chair Evans, and Members of the Subcommittee

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of twenty-four cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. The MMC writes to express support for SB 5032, the Department of Public Safety and Standards and Training (DPSST) budget.

The DPSST program provides training for officers to meet and maintain standards for all public safety disciplines. The agency's work is essential in ensuring that our law enforcement professionals are equipped with the knowledge and trust that certification entails.

We applaud the agency for eliminating the basic police training backlog through expanded course offerings in 2023 and 2024. The DPSST training program requires appropriate funding and resources to continue operate the training program properly and efficiently. Without budgetary support, the training backlog may increase. When local governments face shortages in hiring public safety professionals, it adds insult to injury when those officials must wait many months to complete their certification and training. We fully support DPSST's requested budget to ensure that our communities have the public safety professionals they deserve.

On behalf of the 1.7 million Oregonians we represent, the Mayors of the MMC urge the Committee's support for SB 5032. Your support for SB 5032 is critical to maximize the academy's capacity for both trainers and law enforcement trainees.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lacey Beaty, on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium