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To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: David Rives, President AFT-Oregon  
RE: Testimony in Support of HB2002

Chair Barker, Members of the Committee:

The American Federation of Teachers-Oregon represents over 14,000 members across the state in private and public sectors in elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and universities.

The members of AFT-Oregon support legislation to help end racial profiling. The American Federation of Teachers has a long and proud history of fighting against discrimination and stereotyping, whether based on race, gender, immigration status, physical disability, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation

We have seen too many young lives tragically lost for needless reasons in Oregon and in our nation. Racial profiling sets individuals apart because of their race—making them subject to special scrutiny, greater danger, and separate and unequal treatment—and, therefore, flies in the face of the belief that human beings should be accorded respect because of their individual worth and judged not on outward appearances but on the content of their character.

Racial profiling and other forms of discrimination will not be eliminated without concerted efforts to educate, legislate and mobilize for change. We call for the Oregon legislature to take steps to eliminate racial profiling and pass HB 2002, and incorporate the elements of HB 2001 and HB 2003.