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Testimony in Support of HB 2002
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House Committee on Judiciary

Chair Barker; Vice-chairs Olson and Williamson; and Representatives Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Post, and Sprenger:

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions strongly support HB 2002 which establishes the CJC as the central location for citizens to log complaints of profiling and create a database.

The Oregon Commissions on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, Black Affairs, Hispanic Affairs and Commission for Women believe that profiling and associated misconceptions by law enforcement on the extent of criminal activity of individuals of color lead to unneeded involvement of many members of our communities, men and women alike, with law enforcement and court proceedings.

As we support the efforts of law enforcement and our communities to end this practice, we also believe it is essential to have a clearly established location and database where citizens who believe that they have had a law enforcement action against them based on profiling, to register their complaint. The Criminal Justice Commission provides an independent platform, statutorily tied to this work with justice and policing, with the expertise to collect and analyze such data. A modest investment there to assure that the citizen side of the profiling equation is supported will help the overall profiling legislation in this session have the outcomes it needs to make a difference.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions join with our community partners and urges an Aye vote on HB 2002.

Sincerely,

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