



OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS

April 17, 2015

Representative Caddy McKeown
Chair, House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: House Bill 2621

Representative McKeown,

The Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs would like to express support for House Bill 2621, which would allow the City of Portland to operate photo radar units in certain high-crash corridors.

Tools like photo radar can potentially improve safety for vehicular traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. This effort is particularly vital in a City like Portland, where many residents rely on safe pedestrian and bicycle routes to travel.

Additionally, judicious use of photo radar in lieu of stationing officers in particular locations can help free up limited public safety resources.

While no automated system can fully replace the value of a live police officer, HB 2621 provides a useful tool that can help improve traffic safety and promote more efficient use of existing law enforcement resources.

Respectfully,

Daryl Turner
President, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs