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Testimony in Support of HB 4003
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Senate Committee on Judiciary

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Kruze and Senators Gelser, Thatcher and Rosenbaum:

The Oregon Commission for Black Affairs, strongly supports HB 4003 which extends the important efforts of the Law Enforcement Profiling Workgroup.

The OCBA believes that profiling and associated misconceptions by law enforcement on the involvement in 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 that it is essential to have clearly established definitions, training, databases, complaint procedures and other supports in place. The Law Enforcement Profiling Workgroup is proceeding in its charge to address these and other complexities with key stakeholders and needs more time to complete its second report to your committee.

The Oregon Commission on Black affairs thanks you for your positive consideration of extending the workgroup this year and look forward to seeing the report they produce in December.

Sincerely,

James Manning, Chair

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