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RE: *Support for HB 2355 to End Profiling*

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The Oregon AFL-CIO, representing over 300,000 working Oregonians, is a voice for all workers in the legislative process. As we consider our role as a worker advocate, we will not overlook the disproportionate barriers that some in our communities face and the need to help Oregon become a more inclusive, tolerant place for ALL Oregonians to live and work. The Oregon Work Group on the Prevention of Profiling by Law enforcement has met for the past two years and we are pleased with the conclusions that the stakeholders have reached in HB 2355.

Oregon has the opportunity through HB 2355 to collect data on all officer-initiated pedestrian and traffic stops, provide updated and regular training to all levels of law enforcement, and receive guidance for departments that need to correct patterns and practices of profiling. This is a critical step to ensuring that all workers and their families can go to work, school and about their daily lives with some assurances that their identity will play less of a role in their interactions with law enforcement.

We recognize HB 2355 as the result of good work on behalf of stakeholders, and look forward to what our state can look like when we approach criminal justice in a smarter, and more equitable way.

The Oregon AFL-CIO strongly urges your support for HB 2355 and the efforts to end profiling.