



**To: Members of the House Judiciary Committee**

**From: Kevin Campbell**  
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police  
Oregon State Sheriffs Association

**Date:** April 13, 2017

**Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 3266**

Chair Barker and members of the House Judiciary Committee, for the record, I am Kevin Campbell and I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association to oppose HB 3266 as introduced and with the dash-1 amendment. Today you will hear from Undersheriff Troy Clausen and Deputy Sheriff Mike Bell from the Marion County Sheriff's Office to explain our concern about this legislation and to express our hope that we can work during the interim through a meaningful process to develop a best practice policy framework for police agencies throughout Oregon. As you know, we have successfully addressed a number of important issues through this process including eyewitness identification, agency use of body-worn camera's and officer-involved domestic violence.

Our police officers in Oregon are trained to use discretion (good decision making process) and de-escalation techniques in order to insure safety and to calm incidents where conflict, threat of self-harm or violence is occurring. In the vast majority of incidents, an officer has "time" on their side in order to allow a situation to calm itself down and to avoid the use of restraints by employing de-escalation techniques. When necessary, the use of restraints often prevents a situation from becoming worse and can deescalate the incident before it requires a higher use of force.

We are committed to work with Representative Bynum to insure that we work meaningfully during the interim to address concerns and to develop a best practice policy framework.

Thank you for your consideration!