

February 5, 2018

TO: Representative Jeff Barker, Chair

Members of House Judiciary Committee

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RE: HB 4056

Representative Barker and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 4056 on behalf of the Oregon Council of Police Associations (OCPA).

On behalf of the Oregon Council of Police Associations (OCPA) and our 60 Oregon-based public safety labor organizations, including line enforcement officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, dispatchers, and other public safety support personnel we respectfully urge your support of HB 4056.

Our members put their lives on the line every day, and it is heartening to see this important step to take care of officer's family members in the event that the worst happens. A loss in the line of duty is unfortunately a reality every family member lives with everyday. This scholarship will help provide stability and support for our families who put their lives on the line every day for us.

OCPA would like to thank Representative Olson, Witt, Barker, Barreto, Boone, Buehler, Salinas, Esquivel, Gorsek, Helfrich, Kennemer, Lewis, McLane, Nearman, Noble, Piluso, Reschke, Brock Smith, Sprenger, Vial, Whisnant, Wilson, and Senators Bentz, Prozanski, Baertschiger, Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Frederick, Hansell, Manning and Roblan for their sponsorship of such an important bill.

The Oregon Council of Police Associations respectfully urges your aye vote on HB 4056.

Thank you for your consideration.