

From the Office of Sen. Floyd Prozanski



OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS

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Senator Floyd Prozanski
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: House Bill 1562 - SUPPORT

Senator Prozanski,

On behalf of the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS) and over 2,000 member officers and deputies around the State of Oregon, I am writing to express our support of Senate Bill 1562, which increases the penalties associated with the crime of strangulation.

While ORCOPS generally does not take a position on penalties and sentencing guidelines, we have done so in the past when there is a clear connection to broader public safety goals. That is the case here; strangulation can be a significant predictor of further violent crimes, including homicide. In our line of work, we recognize that the smartest and safest way to address crime is to prevent it. We support increasing the crime of strangulation to a felony.

Respectfully,

Daryl Turner
President, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs