



April 22, 2019

TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Travis Hampton, Superintendent  
Department of Oregon State Police

SUBJECT: **Support of House Bill 2625**

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Honorable Members of the Committee:

The Oregon State Police appreciates the opportunity to provide the committee members with our comments and support for House Bill 2625, which directs OSP to study how to increase and improve criminal justice resources relating to missing and murdered Native American women.

While the Oregon State Police will certainly face challenges relating to our lack of authority within sovereign Native American jurisdictions, we believe this is an honorable endeavor and this body of work should be completed. What we lack in jurisdictional authority- the OSP compensates with strong state, local, federal and Tribal law enforcement relationships.

I believe the Oregon State Police can leverage these strong relationships and our statewide presence to complete a comprehensive study and make sound recommendations to the Oregon Legislature. The State Police believes so strongly in the support of this bill, we will endeavor to complete the assigned task with existing agency resources.

The State Police is appreciative of the opportunity to serve Oregon and our Tribal partners with this study and anticipated improvements to the criminal justice system. We urge your support of HB 2625.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Travis G. Hampton'.