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June 23, 2020

To: [Joint Committee on the First Special Session of 2020](#)
[Senator Peter Courtney](#), Co-Chair
[Representative Tina Kotek](#), Co-Chair

Re: [LC 49](#) or HB 1604 (2020) Police Accountability – Support

The League has basic principles of governance which support basic democratic rights under the Oregon Constitution. The position supports a bill of rights in the operation of the Judicial System and in local government.

Law enforcement in practice should recognize the basic human rights of all persons and should not discriminate due to ethnic, personal, or racial factors. Police officers are members of the community and need the assistance of the community members in getting information and cooperation of law abiding citizens as well as law violating members. It starts with respect for all persons.

The League supports the police arbitration process and requirement of disciplinary action based on misconduct. The training of police officers should include appropriate techniques to approach, deescalate and resolve conflicts, as well as techniques in apprehending and placing into custody.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone
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Public Safety Portfolio