



Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

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TO: Senate President Peter Courtney, Co-Chair House Speaker Tina Kotek, Co-Chair Senate Minority Leader Fred Girod, Co-Vice Chair House Minority Leader Christine Drazan, Co-Vice Chair Members

FROM: Ashley Anstett, Criminal Justice Coordinator

SUBJECT: Testimony re: Policing Bills SB 1604 HB 4207, HB 4201, HB 4205, HB 4208, HB 4203

President Courtney, Co-Chairs Chairs Kotek and Girod, Co-Vice Chair Drazan and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF), **I am submitting this letter in support of the Policing Bills SB 1604, HB 4207, HB 4201, HB 4205, HB 4208, and HB 4203**

The mission of the Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF) is to advance a multi-disciplinary, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence in Oregon. We are private, non-profit, non-governmental statewide agency with over 100 multi-disciplinary members appointed by the Attorney General. We provide training and technical assistance to law enforcement both in Oregon and nationally. The overall goal in our training, is to help participants to be offender focused and victim-centered, by providing practical, applicable skills, giving law enforcement and prosecutors the confidence to interact with victims and investigate and prosecute what are often complex and complicated cases.

SATF appreciates the legislature for addressing these bills and extends gratitude to the POC Caucus. We encourage the passing of these bills. Below you will find a summary of why we support each bill:

HB4207 – Records of discipline

We believe this bill will create accountability for officer misconduct by creating a statewide data base where officer misconduct is documented.

HB 4201 – DOJ Investigations of Officer Use of Force

Transparency and accountability in use of force complaints are fundamental in establishing public trust. There is a need that any perceived conflict of interest in the investigation be eliminated and we believe that this bill seeks to remedy that.

SB 1604 – Arbitration, HB 4205 – Duty to intervene, HB 4208 – Tools used by law enforcement HB 4203- Use of force

SATF supports these bills as a means to create safe and equitable policing and we are committed to implementing more measures to create accessibility to the criminal justice system.

For these reasons, we urge your support. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.
I am available for any questions.

Respectfully,



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