



STATEMENT IN SUPPORT: HB 4207-2
(DATABASE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS)

To: Joint Committee on the First Special Session of 2020
From: Michael Selvaggio, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs
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Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee:

For the record, my name is Michael Selvaggio, representing the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS). ORCOPS supports HB 4207 as amended by the 4207-2 amendments, which seeks to create a statewide database of law enforcement officer discipline records and establishes standards for interjurisdictional hiring.

ORCOPS believes that transparency in the accountability process is warranted in order to further improve the quality and professionalism of the law enforcement sector. It is only proper to make public the disciplinary records described in the measure (as amended) after due process has been completed. Additionally, it is vital to have a system under which records of law enforcement officer discipline can be shared between law enforcement agencies to ensure that disciplinary concerns are not lost if an officer transfers from one agency to another, from the newest officer up to the most tenured police chief or sheriff.

ORCOPS thanks the committee for its work and urges passage of HB 4207 as amended by the 4207-2 amendments.