



STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: HB 4201-1
(TRANSPARENT POLICING AND USE OF FORCE REFORM)

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 4201 as amended by the 4201-1 amendments, which seeks to establish the Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform.

Law enforcement officers are endowed with a significant public trust, and it is incumbent upon our state and communities therein to ensure that such trust is well-placed. As modern policing and best practices evolve, we in the law enforcement community need to evolve as well: Procedures that worked well years ago may need to be updated. Systems that seemed equitable in the past may look much different today when viewed through a lens informed by new data and a more enlightened outlook.

To that end, we welcome the creation of Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform to help navigate that discussion, which will no doubtedly be complex, nuanced, and demanding of a thoughtful and deliberative process.

ORCOPS supports HB 4201 as amended by the 4201-1 amendments and stands ready to assist the resulting committee as requested.