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House Judiciary Subcommittee on Equitable Policing
Representative Janelle Bynum, Chair
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Bynum and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2575.

The City of Gresham supports legislative efforts to improve police protocols that build trust in policing. This legislation will improve trauma-informed services to crime victims by establishing a grant program to fund training for groups and agencies that interact with persons who have experienced trauma. The legislation will also direct the Department of Public Safety and Standards and Training, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to develop best practices for law enforcement agencies when interacting with persons who have recently undergone traumatic experiences. The City supports these efforts to develop research-based best practices that will minimize incidents of law enforcement officers inadvertently causing further trauma and require officers to consider the effects of trauma when working on a case.

As we begin to better understand the neurobiology of trauma and its impacts, it has become clear that service systems need to do more to help alleviate trauma-related issues by conducting their duties under a trauma-informed approach. The City of Gresham believes this legislation will provide tools to respond more effectively with best practices when interacting with victims of violence.

Thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely,



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