



OREGON ASSOCIATION CHIEFS OF POLICE
EXCELLENCE IN POLICING

PO Box 21719 Keizer OR 97307



OREGON STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
JOIN . SERVE . PROTECT .

PO Box 7468 Salem OR 97303

To: Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Equitable Policing

From: Chief Jim Ferraris, President
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police
jim.ferraris@ci.woodburn.or.us

Brian Wallace, Chief Civil Deputy
Marion County Sheriff's Office
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association
BWallace@co.marion.or.us

Date: January 27, 2021

Re: Testimony identifying concerns re HB 2932 – Oregon Use of Force Database/Reporting Requirements

Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 2932.

HB 2932 includes the following key provisions:

- Requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to establish a statewide database of reports of the use of physical force by peace officers and corrections officers.
- The database must be searchable and available to the public.
- Use of force incidents subject to the reporting requirement include anytime an officer uses physical force, threatens to use physical force or when a death occurs while an individual is in the custody of a law enforcement unit.
- The list of information required to be reported is exhaustive and would add a significant administrative burden to manage the reporting obligation.

As an alternative, we recommend requiring Oregon agencies to enroll and report data to the FBI National Use of Force Database. The database collects consistent data from each state and the Criminal Justice Commission confirms that it can access and download data from the FBI database in order to do state specific analysis. We have worked hard to enroll Oregon agencies in the FBI reporting program from the time the database was launched a few years ago and agencies covering over 90% of Oregon police agencies are already enrolled. This would avoid the need to commit very limited state resources to a new database project when an existing database and reporting process is already in place. We believe funding could be more effectively invested in more robust use of force/de-escalation training for officers throughout the state.