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Re: Testimony in Support of the Department of Justice budget – HB 5014

Co-Chairs Gorsek and Sollman 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 in support of HB 5014, the Oregon Department of Justice Budget.

OSSA and OACP would like to recognize Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum for her continued partnership and great working relationship with both associations. Under Attorney General Rosenblum's leadership, our associations have collaborated to create and support measures that ensure accountability, transparency and just policing. A few of these measures are HB 2355 (2017 session) that created the STOP program for traffic stop data collection and analysis, police policies on anti-profiling and felony drug charges being reduced to misdemeanors. Also, SB 577 (2019 session) which enhanced language and criminal penalties for hate crimes. Finally, we would like to recognize Legislative Director Kimberly McCullough and Criminal Division Chief Michael Slauson for their outstanding representation of DOJ and partnership with their Criminal Justice partners.

OSSA and OACP support HB 5014 with a particular focus on the important services that the Criminal Justice (CJ) section of DOJ provides to Law Enforcement agencies throughout the state. The DOJ CJ section provides intelligence, information sharing and deconfliction through the watch center and investigative support for complex investigations involving public officials. Finally, DOJ CJ provides prosecutorial/DA support for complex investigations. Having the DOJ CJ section as a statewide resource for Law Enforcement for these purposes is critically important as most agencies do not have the resources or expertise to handle these difficult, complex and sensitive cases.

In closing OSSA and OACP are in full support of HB 5014 and we would be happy to answer any questions the committee might have. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today.