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To: House committee on Rules

Re: Support for HB 2002

The Oregon Education Association represents over 41,000 educators and education service professionals across the state, from pre-k to the community college level. Daily, our members see the impacts of food and housing insecurity, poverty, and particularly the way systemic racism plays a role in all challenges faced by students. That is why we support the -4 amendments for HB 2002 as an omnibus around police and public safety reform, as we strive to dismantle the institutional racism built into our public safety systems.

HB 2002-4 will:

- **Promote restorative justice:** Encourage greater use of restorative justice practices with funding provided to the Criminal Justice Commission;
- **Require police identification:** Require law enforcement officers to inform a stopped person of reason for the stop and that they have the right to refuse a request to search;
- **Ensure informed police searches:** Require law enforcement officers to provide name and badge number if the stop doesn't result in an arrest or citation;
- **Rebuild lives after incarceration:** Incentivizing success, limiting revocations, and limiting the number and complexity of conditions imposed on people on parole or probation;
- **And much more....**

Until every member of our community can feel secure in relying on their public safety system, our students, families and communities are not truly safe. That is why we are grateful for the conversations around racial justice, and the reforms being proposed here as a first step in improving one aspect of our society for our members and students of color.