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**To: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Measure 110
Implementation**

From: Yamhill County Sheriff, Tim Svenson, OSSA President
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Retired Woodburn Police Chief Jim Ferraris, OACP President
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Date: May 12, 2021

Re: **Testimony in support of HB 3164-A: Interfering with a Police Officer
Statutory Changes**

Chair Prozanski 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 HB 3164-A.

We would like to begin by thanking Chair Prozanski for his efforts in making recommendations on this measure as it made its way through the House Sub-committee on Equitable Policing and the House Judiciary Committee and also would like to thank House Speaker Kotek for engaging with us on the measure as it took shape.

HB 3164 makes changes to the Crime of Interfering with a Peace Officer statute. The clarifies that the crime of interfering occurs when a person "intentionally or knowingly acts" in a manner that prevents an officer from performing their lawful duties with regard to another person or a criminal investigation. It also prevents an arrest for the crime of interfering with a peace officer if the officer can arrest a person for acts that constitute any other criminal offense.

In closing, OSSA and OACP strongly support this measure. Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to provide this testimony and I'm happy to answer any questions you have.