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**To: Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Equitable Policing**

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**Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 2306 – Police Oversight Boards**

**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 2306.

HB 2306 requires a law enforcement agency, as defined in ORS 181A.010, to designate a police oversight board composed of public members with diverse perspectives. The police oversight board shall annually review the policies of the law enforcement agency and report to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training on the review. We have the following concerns with the measure as drafted.

All Oregon Law enforcement agencies already have levels of oversight through local control. Examples: OSP is accountable to the Governor who is an elected official. Police Chiefs/Police Departments are accountable to mayors, city managers and city councilors who are all elected officials. Sheriffs and Sheriff's Offices are accountable as Sheriffs are elected officials.

A number of Police agencies and Sheriff's Office in Oregon have already adopted oversight boards and community advisory committees based upon the unique needs and desires of the community they provide police services for. This measure would supersede these board and advisory committees that are already in place and working.

It is unclear what "diverse perspectives" means as it is not defined.

Reporting to DPSST (which has no regulatory authority over law enforcement policies and procedures) does not make sense.

The Oregon State Sheriffs Association and Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police considers Oversight Boards and Community Advisory Boards to be organic and best left to Local Control/communities to decide which system works best for them. We could support this measure if the shall was a may and the annual reporting is directed to the local/community.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide this testimony today.