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TO: Representative Janelle Bynum, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee

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SUBJECT: HB 4008 -6 Amendments -
Technical fixes related to HB 2930 (2021), which created the Commission
on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline

The Oregon Department of Justice urges your support of the -6 amendments.

Last legislative session, this body passed HB 2930, which created the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline. This commission is co-chaired by the Oregon Department of Justice and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

DOJ and DPSST have been working diligently to implement HB 2930, and we look forward to updating this committee about our progress later this year.

In the meantime, we requested the -6 amendments to make the following technical fixes to HB 2930:

Operative Date Cross-Reference: Section 10 of HB 2930 says that Section 3 and amendments to ORS 243.605 and 243.706 by sections 5-7 apply to collective bargaining agreements entered into on or after the “operative date specified in section 10 of this 2021 Act.” Section 10 does not specify an operative date. Section 11 does. It appears that this cross-reference was not updated when a new Section 8 was added (providing general funds to OSP).

Authority to Hire Staff: The commission does not have explicit authority to hire an executive director or support staff, which is necessary to successfully run the commission. Similar statutes provide for staffing or required staffing to be addressed through interagency or intergovernmental agreements. Note that DOJ’s Criminal Justice Division has a separate budget request submitted to the Ways & Means Public Safety Subcommittee to add funding to DOJ’s budget for an executive director and one support staff. This bill will merely provide the legal authority for the commission to make those hires. For that reason, this amendments will not have a fiscal impact.

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