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**To: Members of the House Committee on Judiciary**

**From: Jason Myers, Executive Director**  
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

**Kevin Campbell, Executive Director**  
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

**Date:** January 24, 2023

**Re: HB 2316-Testimony in Support (DUII)**

**Chair Kropf 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 2316.

HB 2316 represents an important step toward aligning Oregon impaired driving laws with 46 other States and making roadways safer for all Oregonians. The vast majority of our nation's DUII laws recognize that impairment by substances can be in the form of controlled and noncontrolled substances.

There are prescription or over the counter noncontrolled substances that can be used or combined that can significantly affect a person's ability to drive safely. In addition, there are illicit substances such as synthetic narcotics that are constantly changing and as a result the pharmacy board cannot keep up with adding them to the controlled substance schedules.

Law enforcement across our state encounter motorists who are impaired by over-the-counter substances that are legal to possess; but when taken in excess and/or abused, are as dangerous as those impaired by alcohol and or controlled substance.

HB 2316 is a necessary step to keep Oregon's roads safe. Impaired drivers place all of us, our families and our loved ones at risk. It is time for Oregon to join the vast majority of the states by addressing all forms of impairment to reduce automobile crashes, injuries and deaths.

OSSA and OACP supports HB2316. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.