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**Re:** **Testimony regarding SB 808 from Oregon's Sheriffs and Police Chiefs**

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Jason Myers, and I am the Executive Director of the Oregon State Sheriffs Association. I am here today on behalf of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police OACP) to provide testimony regarding SB 808.

We support two provisions of the bill that design to improve the effectiveness of the commission to address operational challenges. These changes include a clarification that a majority of the **voting** members constitute a quorum, and that official action by the commission requires the approval of a majority of **voting** members present.

We also support the provision identifying the Department of Justice (DOJ) as the sole entity responsible for chairing the commission, presiding over meetings, and executing the duties determined by the commission as necessary. Originally, both DOJ and DPSST were given responsibility for the commission jointly and to coordinate in a way that created complexity and is unnecessary moving forward.

We do want to express concerns regarding provisions in the bill that change the makeup of the commission membership. As you know, we worked with this committee and the House Judiciary Committee to carefully negotiate 20 police reform bills between the special sessions in 2020 through the session in 2022, including HB 2930 which created this commission in 2021.

We believe any changes in the membership of the commission are premature and move beyond the agreements reached in 2021. We also believe it is vital to have practitioners remain involved

who have experience in the disciplinary process and understand the way decisions about discipline impact the decertification process and work with collective bargaining agreements.

We are glad to work with DOJ to identify issues with committee membership, and to discuss potential solutions.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today, and I am available to answer any questions the committee may have.