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On Behalf Of:
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As the President of the Professional Security Association of Oregon, I urge you to reconsider the wording of this bill. According to your legislative counsel, the definition of "private paramilitary organization" in Section 2 of HB 2572 is quite broad and could potentially apply to private security companies. This is because such companies do not fall under the law enforcement exception outlined in subsection (3).

Private security firms are increasingly being called upon to fill the gaps left by our understaffed and underfunded police force. Proper training is crucial for the safety of security officers and the public at large. Unfortunately, as currently written, this bill may discourage DPSST security organizations from investing in the development of their officers' skills.