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RE: Letter in Support of LC 1479

Dear Public Safety Committee:

As you are aware, counties are facing unprecedented challenges in their ability to staff critical public safety positions with qualified professionals. Yamhill County District Attorney Brad Berry has struggled to recruit individuals for key positions within his department, which affects safety and legal processes.

We support LC 1479, adding District Attorneys and Deputy District Attorneys into the Police/Fire PERS designation. DAs and DDAs work alongside law enforcement to respond, investigate, prosecute and provide justice for individuals involved in serious crimes. The stress that exists for our men and women in law enforcement also exists in our DA divisions. These jobs are just as difficult and traumatic, and many are leaving the profession for less-stressful, better-paying jobs.

Adding DAs and DDAs to the Police-Fire PERS category could go a long way in aiding retention efforts and acknowledging the importance of these critical positions. Please join us in supporting LC 1479 and let's continue to honor the important roles that our District Attorneys and Deputy District Attorneys serve in our counties.

Sincerely,

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RE: Letter in Support of *HB 2054*

Dear Public Safety Committee:

As you are aware, counties are facing unprecedented challenges in their ability to staff critical public safety positions with qualified professionals. Yamhill County District Attorney Brad Berry has struggled to recruit individuals for key positions within his department, which affects safety and legal processes.

We support HB 2054, adding District Attorneys and Deputy District Attorneys into the Police/Fire PERS designation. DAs and DDAs work alongside law enforcement to respond, investigate, prosecute, and provide justice for individuals involved in serious crimes. The stress that exists for our men and women in law enforcement also exists in our DA divisions. These jobs are just as difficult and traumatic, and many are leaving the profession for less-stressful, better-paying jobs.

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