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The Honorable Bill Quirk
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RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 2429

Dear Assemblymember Quirk,

The Little Hoover Commission supports AB 2429, the measure you authored that would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to partner with academic researchers to conduct an assessment of existing peace officer training requirements and determine how well they are working for peace officers in the field. Among other things, the bill would require POST to establish a process to collect and secure data for research as well as a permanent academic review board.

In its 2021 report, *Law Enforcement Training: Identifying What Works for Officers and Communities*, the Commission found that California spends millions of dollars on law enforcement training each year yet does not require serious or thorough evaluation of how that training affects office behavior on the job. Without research and assessment, it is impossible to know that this investment has produced, or is likely to produce, the results Californians want to see. To assess the success and relevancy of POST's training programs, the Commission recommended that POST partner with academic researchers to assess existing officer training requirements and determine how well they are working for officers in the field. Additionally, the Commission called on POST to establish a process to collect and secure data for research purposes in order to improve training as well as a permanent academic review board to ensure POST's training standards and curriculum are aligned with the latest scientific research.

AB 2429 would carry out these recommendations. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports this bill. If I, the Commission, or our staff can provide any further assistance as this proposal moves through the legislative process, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Pedro Nava
Chairman

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