2009 Regular Legislative Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3191 STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Establishes the Retired Senior Volunteer Program within the Oregon State Police.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon State Police

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DATE: April 24, 2009

<u>2009-2011</u> <u>2011-2013</u>

EXPENDITURES:

See Analysis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: This bill would allow the Oregon State Police (OSP) to establish a volunteer referral service for retired state troopers who wish to volunteer their services. The bill would also allow OSP to provide health insurance to the volunteer and their spouse subject to availability of funds.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. OSP estimates that it would require one Human Resources Assistant (0.50 FTE), at a cost of \$60,097 General Fund, to administer the registration and referral service for the volunteers. It is unclear whether the agency would need this amount of staff resources for the ongoing program given the uncertainty around the number of participants. Staff resources would be needed initially to establish the program. It would also cost approximately \$1,000 per month per volunteer to provide health insurance. OSP has no reliable way to estimate the number of volunteers who may take advantage of this program or how many volunteers and spouses may request health insurance coverage and an estimate of these costs are therefore unknown.