



TROUTDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Representative Jeff Barker, Chair
House Judiciary Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 3097

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in my capacity as District 3 Representative of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police as well as the Chief of Police for the city of Troutdale, urging support for HB 3097, creating a Task Force to study needed increases for police training.

Recent years of budget cuts to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training has had a negative impact on training throughout the state. Reductions in regional training has placed a higher demand on local agencies to pick up the much needed training that helps us meet our communities high expectations. Developing leaders for tomorrow's public safety issues is a high priority in our profession.

This Task Force will have an opportunity to look at how we can sustain training that will insure our ability to maintain high standards and prevent the associated costs related to liability risks, especially litigation related to our failure to train.

The Criminal Fines and Assessment Account (CFA) is a dedicated funding source that, if used for its intended purpose, could fund all necessary police training, including much needed regional training. In essence, those who commit crimes would help pay for training Oregon's law enforcement officers.

Thank you for allowing me to present to you today and I urge you to support HB 3097.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Anderson
Chief of Police
Troutdale, Oregon