
OREGON STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2384

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Chair Barker and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association is comprised of Oregon's 36 elected county sheriffs. Sheriffs take seriously their charge to be "conservators of the peace." Their role in public safety is broad, including routine patrol, investigating crime, search and rescue, marine patrol, jails, community corrections, court security, civil services and the issuance of concealed handgun licenses.

House Bill 2384 will permit law enforcement to seize and require the owner to forfeit a motor vehicle if the driver is cited or arrested for driving while their driving privileges are suspended or revoked. Please note, this bill does not require that all motor vehicles are seized. Rather, it is permissive and gives the peace officer another tool to keep the public safe based on the history of the driver and the circumstances of the interaction between the peace officer and the driver.

House Bill 2384 gives peace officers another, important tool in their toolbox when it comes to keeping our streets safe.

Thank you for holding a Public Hearing on this important bill. Oregon Sheriffs ask you to give the bill a "do pass" recommendation to the full House of Representatives.

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