

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 481 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Versions are Considered Official*

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Measure Description:

Establishes Oregon Center for Policing Excellence within Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for purposes of making policing in Oregon more effective and efficient, making communities safer and reducing number of offenders entering criminal justice system.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

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.

Analysis:

The measure establishes the Oregon Center for Policing Excellence within the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) for the purpose of making policing in Oregon more effective and efficient. The Center is directed to develop and promulgate updated skills in policing among officers, managers and administrators.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that the measure does not specify the method of delivery to accomplish the purposes of the Center defined in the measure. The staffing, scope, number, type, and duration of classes to be offered would be subject to the availability of additional Criminal Fines Account funds allocated by the legislature for that purpose. At least two possible proposals have been presented to LFO or to legislative committees.

In the first proposal presented by DPSST, the estimated cost to plan and implement the Oregon Center for Policing Excellence would be \$355,195 Other Funds in the 2013-15 biennium. Included in these costs is one full-time Public Safety Training Specialist 2 responsible for developing the training program, coordinate the proposed classes offered, and serve as a point of contact for law enforcement personnel and researchers to facilitate partnerships.

DPSST states that the evidenced-based training program would consist of two week training courses for supervisors and mid-level management, a three-day class for executive level management, and a three-day Policing in Excellence Conference. The Public Safety Training Specialist 2 would provide some of the instruction as well as coordinate volunteer instructors from local law enforcement to assist in the course training. DPSST notes that the data related to the evidence-based training is already available through a number of sources and would not require additional information technology costs for DPSST to compile or maintain the data. The total estimates costs for the training, classes and conference are \$177,242 Other Funds. These cost estimates are based on the standard housing rate for usage of the DPSST dorms, meals, and course supplies. The training would be funded with Criminal Fines Account (CFA) resources similar to the 16-week Basic Police Course offered by DPSST.

A second proposal under consideration includes the establishment of two positions to support executive training and two positions to expand regional training with an estimated cost of \$1,201,654 Other Funds.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Bill Taylor, Counsel
Meeting Dates:	3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes within the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training the Oregon Center for Policing Excellence. The primary purpose of the center are to make policing in Oregon more effective by promoting evidence-based policing practices and thus reduce the number of offenders coming into the criminal justice system. In addition, the center's purpose is the development and delivery of training to public safety personnel in Oregon to enhance their skills related to: (A) Problem solving; (B) Leadership and facilitation; (C) Effective application and use of information from reputable research; (d) Identifying and addressing future challenges affecting public safety. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Evidence-based policing reduces crime and victimization
- Grant funding

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds to the center's purpose the development and delivery of training to public safety personnel in Oregon to enhance their skills related to: (A) Problem solving; (B) Leadership and facilitation; (C) Effective application and use of information from reputable research; (d) Identifying and addressing future challenges affecting public safety.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is to promote law enforcement and fire services by improving the competence of public safety personnel. The Board of Department of Public Safety Standards and Training sets minimum standards of physical, emotional, intellectual and moral fitness for public safety personnel.