

HB 2235
Relating to corrections officers

HB 2235-A continues the obligation of the Department of Corrections to provide basic training to its officers rather than the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). DPSST will continue to audit the training program. The bill extends the sunset of this program to January 2, 2026 from 2014. The bill is estimated to avoid cost increases of \$5.2 million.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2235-A be reported out do pass.

77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: HB 2235-A

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Williamson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 6, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Continues the obligation of the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) to train corrections officers. Returns the responsibility to Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) on January 2, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Co-Chairs' budget for both DOC and DPSST assumes passage of this measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2009 Legislative Assembly transferred the responsibility for training DOC corrections officers from DPSST to DOC; however, this transfer sunsets January 2, 2014. Unless the sunset provision is either removed or extended out, training of corrections officers will revert to DPSST.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2235 - A**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office**Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official**Prepared by: John Terpening
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Date: 3-4-2013**Measure Description:**

Extends the sunset of provision requiring Department of Corrections to provide training for basic certification of corrections officers employed by department to 2026.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Department of Corrections

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2013-2015	2015-2017
Department of Corrections – General Fund	(\$4,987,843)	(\$6,650,457)
Positions/FTE	7/5.25	7/7.00
Department of Public Safety Standards & Training – Other Funds	(\$233,911)	(\$259,362)
Positions/FTE	(4)/(1.00)	(4)/(1.00)

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 extends the sunset of the provision requiring the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide training for basic certification of corrections officers employed by the Department until 2026.

HB 3199 (2009) directed DOC to develop and deliver basic training for its correctional officers instead of having officers trained by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). The DOC certification training is subject to periodic audits by DPSST to ensure the training meets or exceeds minimum training standards for basic certification of corrections officers employed by other law enforcement units. HB 3199 sunsets on January 2nd, 2014 and would require DOC to cease training its correctional officers and send them to DPSST for training.

By extending the sunset provision, the measure would allow DOC to continue to provide training to its correctional officers and DPSST would not have to assume responsibility for the training program, but would continue with the current auditing program.

If the sunset is extended, DPSST estimates cost savings of (\$233,911) Other Funds in 2013-15 and would not need to establish 4 new positions and additional 3.25 FTE that would be required for implementation of the training program. Instead DPSST will continue the current auditing program and its 3 positions currently set to phase-out in January 2014. The continuation of the 3 positions for the remainder of the 2013-15 biennium is 2.25 FTE, causing a net reduction of 1.00 FTE.

By providing the training to its own officers, DOC realizes a cost savings of (\$6,067,200) General Fund by not needing to pay for overtime or travel and per diem expenses for officers to attend five weeks of training at DPSST. A portion of these savings are off-set by the continuation of the current training program, which includes 7 positions and 5.25 FTE for a total cost of \$1,079,357 in 2013-2015. The expenditures and positions for the continuation of the DOC training program are included in a policy package in the Governor's budget for both DPSST and DOC.