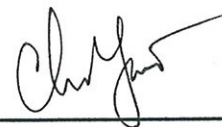


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**OREGON STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION &
OREGON ASSOCIATION CHIEFS OF POLICE
STATEMENT IN SUPPORT TO HB 3194 -15**

Before the Joint Public Safety Committee / June 24, 2013

By: Jason Myers, Marion County Sheriff

President, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

and Kevin Campbell, Executive Director / Oregon Association Chiefs of Police



Co-Chairs Prozanski, Winters, Garrett and Olson and members of the Committee:

The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police support the -15 amendments to House Bill 3194.

We believe the -15 amendments balance the importance of our local, public safety system while reducing recidivism and mitigating prison costs at the state level. This ensures our communities will remain safe by providing funding for local jails and programs that address the population of inmates who will now be managed at the local level.

Oregon Sheriffs and Chiefs have long sought for additional state funding to help build local programs for low-level offenders to keep them from re-entering the criminal justice system over and over again. Research data proves that local programs to help addicts and the mentally ill and to help offenders better prepare to be productive members of a community really do work if they are fully funded. The current public safety package includes much-needed funds for these county programs.

Throughout our deliberations we were mindful of the impacts of any policy changes on the victims of crime. With an eye toward reducing victimization, we believe HB3194 -15 will accomplish this objective.

We believe this is the right package for the 2013 Session.

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