
OREGON STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 4087

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Chair Matthews and members of the House Veterans' Services 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.

Nothing is more horrific than when a police radio crackles with the news of an active shooter in a school. Peace officers from any and every agency within 100 miles will be ready to respond on a moments notice. But saving the lives of innocents on such a day will be determined more by the homework which is done prior to the criminal activity, not in the precious minutes afterwards.

House Bill 4087 creates a task force to begin the important task of ensuring the law enforcement response is well planned and the coordination between agencies runs like clockwork. A primary component of this preparation is creating a process for all first responders to access school floor plans and a detailed response plan which has been carefully prepared in advance.

Thank you for holding a Public Hearing on this important bill. Oregon Sheriffs urge you to give House Bill 4087 an unanimous "do pass" recommendation to the full House of Representatives.

Oregon Sheriffs stand ready to assist in any way possible to ensure this bill becomes law.

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