



**OREGON ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS  
DIRECTORS (OACCD) & OREGON STATE SHERIFFS'  
ASSOCIATION (OSSA) SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY STANDARDS AND TRAINING (DPSST) BUDGET**

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Senator Chip Shields, Co-Chair  
Representative Jennifer Williamson, Co-Chair  
Joint Sub-Committee on Public Safety  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Senate Bill 5534- Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

Co-Chair Shields, Co-Chair Williamson, and Committee Members, thank you for a moment of your time. For the record, my name is Jeff Wood and I serve as the Parole & Probation Division Commander with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. I am also here as a representative of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA). Collectively, we are here to support SB5534 and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). As you know, DPSST provides a critical array of training including the basic police, corrections, and parole & probation courses required for state certification. Both OACCD and OSSA have enjoyed a fantastic collaborative partnership with DPSST over the years and look forward to that continued partnership as we enter a new biennium.

Recently DPSST and OACCD collaborated to improve and re-create the current Basic Parole & Probation Curriculum, keeping in mind the "Evidence-Based" mandates of Senate Bill 267 (2003 Legislative Session), focusing on best-practices in supervision, proven to keep our community and officers safe. Gone are the days of simple memorization and death-by-power point. They have been replaced with an adult learning model which fosters collaborative interaction, individual and team projects, and skill testing to demonstrate integration of the various subjects. By graduation our trainees are able to integrate theory into the daily interactions of the clients they are charged to

supervise. Without the leadership of Director Gablik and his staff, this herculean project would not have come to fruition.

OACCD and OSSA have also appreciated our inclusion in the Police and Corrections Policy Committees, which ensures DPSSST rules, standards, and policies relating to our certification are maintained to the highest level of training and behavioral expectations. Sadly, there are times when professionals in our field fail to adhere to these standards, and it is these Policy Committees who are charged to review such cases, and recommend measures to ensure our certification standards are being met. Given the recent events across our country, it is important to ensure these policy committees continue in the future to maintain public confidence and trust.

Finally, with the passage of House Bill 3194, during the 2013 legislative session, and discussions regarding Justice Reinvestment for the coming biennium, I come before you to state a serious need of DPSSST; we will need more classes in parole & probation, as well as corrections. DPSSST has been an amazing partner in providing additional classes during the current biennium, and we know this need will continue into 2015-2017.

Although some may wonder how the recidivism reduction mantra of Justice Reinvestment may correlate into my request, one simply needs to examine what different counties have done with the funding. In many cases, as in Marion County, Justice Reinvestment is funding additional staff and/or jail capacity to address the proportionate increase in offender population, as well as custody needs for accountability purposes. In addition, the passing of local jail funding measures, like those in Lane and Columbia County, only serve to heighten this need into the coming biennium. In short, we will need to hire more staff, and they will need to be trained. At the end of the day, our state and local communities expect excellence in public safety services. The foundation of that expectation begins with the training provided by DPSSST.

Thank you for your time and consideration. As always, I will remain available for any questions.