

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, but statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Appropriates additional funds to Department of Justice out of General Fund to support public safety in rural or fiscally distressed counties. Appropriates additional funds to Oregon State Police from the General Fund for state troopers in rural or fiscally distressed counties. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** None.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon's rural counties experiencing financial distress face additional public safety challenges. During the 2014 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1507 was introduced to address the problem. That bill was left in committee upon adjournment. Senate Bill 577 is based on Senate Bill 1507.

Senate Bill 577 appropriates additional funds to the Department of Justice out of the General Fund to support public safety in rural or fiscally distressed counties. Additionally, Senate Bill 577 appropriates additional funds to Oregon State Police from the General Fund for state troopers in rural or fiscally distressed counties. Senate Bill 577 declares an emergency and is effective on passage.