



**To: House Revenue Committee**

**From:** John Bishop  
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police &  
Oregon State Sheriffs Association

**Date:** February 25, 2016

**Re: Support for SB 1513 A**

Chair Barnhart and Members of the House Revenue Committee, my name is John Bishop. I am the Executive Director of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association in strong support SB 1513 A.

SB 1513 is supported by a broad coalition of public safety partners including the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, Oregon State Sheriffs Association, Oregon Association of Reserve Peace Officers Association, Oregon Peace Officers Association, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs, Fraternal Order of Police - Oregon Lodge, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Oregon Fire District Directors Association, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council.

The families of our first responders live with the constant reality that their loved one may not return home safe from their heroic work. In today's society, the work of our police officers is increasingly complex and dangerous. The loss of an officer like Seaside Police Department Sergeant Goodding, who recently lost his life while serving a felony warrant, illustrates the devastating impact the death of an officer has on a police department, a community...but most importantly, on the family.

As law enforcement leaders who do everything possible to insure that our officers return home safely from their shift, we support every effort to support the families of police officers who make the greatest sacrifice while serving our communities.

We urge the committee to pass SB 1513 and appreciate your consideration of this important benefit for the families of officers and other public safety personnel who lose their lives in the line of duty.

Thank you,