



To: Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Kevin Campbell, Executive Director
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Re: Support for HB 3047 with Dash-3 Amendments

Chair Barker and members of the committee, for the record, my name is Kevin Campbell and I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association in support of adoption of the dash-3 amendments to HB 3047.

Current Oregon Revised Statute authorizes law enforcement agencies to utilize drones without a warrant for a limited number of purposes. These exigencies include search and rescue operations, use in emergencies where there is an imminent threat to the life or safety of an individual, during a state of emergency that is declared by the Governor, for public safety training and for the purpose of reconstruction of a crime scene (ORS 837.335, 837.340 and 837.345).

The dash-3 amendment to HB 3047 adds reconstruction of an accident scene to the statute authorizing law enforcement to use a drone for reconstruction of a crime scene in ORS 837.340. As you can imagine, drone footage can quickly preserve data necessary to reconstruct and evaluate factors contributing to an accident. Drones are also able to access areas that are either difficult or dangerous for law enforcement to physically access.

We support HB 3047 with adoption of the dash-3 amendments and we appreciate your consideration.