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TO: House Judiciary Committee
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FROM: Eriks Gabliks, Director

SUBJECT: House Bill 3152

Effect of HB 3152 on the DPSST: The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is neutral on House Bill 3152. As proposed, HB 3152 would fund the construction of a public safety training facility in Curry County. This facility would support regional training classes, including those offered by DPSST, not replace basic training courses for law enforcement personnel that are currently offered at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. DPSST would have no role in ownership or operation of the facility but would find it a useful and valuable resource for the south coast region.

Curry County is served by a dozen fire-rescue agencies, each of which rely on dedicated volunteer firefighters to provide service to their residents. The number of law enforcement agencies in Curry County, and the surrounding region, is also small with a blend of full-time law enforcement officers, supplemented by reserves. Currently volunteer firefighters and reserve law enforcement officers in Curry County have no dedicated location or facility that they can use for training classes, both classroom and skills.

DPSST knows the importance that dedicated regional public safety training facilities play in ensuring that first responders have a location where they can safely train to meet the needs of their communities. Once this facility becomes a reality, DPSST would like to use it as a resource from which it can offer advanced and specialized regional training classes for both fire-rescue and law enforcement personnel from Curry County and the public safety agencies from neighboring counties.