

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1000 - 1

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Measure Description:

Changes name of "Oregon State Defense Force" to "Oregon Civil Defense Force." Authorizes Superintendent of State Police to form volunteer Oregon State Police Civil Defense Force to provide emergency response and communications, medical assistance, logistical support and other aid.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department, Oregon State Police (OSP), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

The measure directs the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to increase class sizes as necessary, up to 25%, to train reserve officers sponsored by a law enforcement unit, for training to be a part of the Oregon Civil Defense Force as described by the measure. The measure allows those sponsored volunteers to pay for their own training with cash or any benefits that may be available to the individual.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The number of reserve officers who may choose to participate in the training is unknown. DPSST notes that the current class sizes are set at a maximum of 40 students due to facility constraints and modularity of the training. Increasing the class sizes, as necessary, by up to 10 individuals will require changes to existing class structure, modification to the current facilities, or addition of more classes, which would require additional instructors. Currently DPSST's 2017-19 budget request anticipates 15 Basic Police Classes of 40 students.

DPSST notes that the estimated cost for an individual to attend Basic Police Class is approximately \$16,000 for lodging, meals and ammunition. Any additional reserve officers paying for the training with cash or other benefits will require adjustments to DPSST's expenditure limitation and additional tracking and invoicing responsibilities to the Department. Currently, the costs of criminal justice classes are covered by Criminal Fine Account revenues allocated to the Department. DPSST assumes that if it was now responsible to receive and process payments from students, as well as conducting invoicing and bill collection, a full-time Accountant Tech 3 position would be necessary to handle these additional duties. The estimated cost for this position is \$125,758 Other Funds.

Additionally, DPSST notes that it is not currently an accredited institution that meets Veteran's Administration requirements. In order to become accredited and work with reserve officers to utilize their available benefits, DPSST anticipates needing a dedicated Veterans Services Officer position at an estimated cost of \$151,032 Other Funds. Total cost for the two positions is approximately \$326,354 Other Funds including necessary services and supplies.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the addition of students beyond the projected amounts included in the 2017-19 budget passed by the Legislature will require adjustments to the Department's expenditure limitation. Depending on the number of students beyond the maximum class limit, and how DPSST is able to incorporate them, the department may need to return to the legislature for additional resources.