



**To: Members of the House Committee on Health Care**

**From:** Sheriff Pat Garrett, President  
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association  
  
Chief John Teague, President  
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

**Date:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Re: Testimony in Support of SB 1025 A-Engrossed**

Dear Chair Greenlick and Committee Members,

The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police is pleased to stand alongside the Oregon Council of Police Associations in support of SB 1025, which will help protect the health of law enforcement professionals following contact with the bodily fluid of another person while performing their essential job duties.

Currently, law enforcement agencies face delays in receiving test results for life-threatening diseases and medical conditions of individuals who are in their custody. The proposed amendments to ORS 433.085 will ensure test results are shared with law enforcement agencies in a timely manner. They will also expand testing to include all communicable diseases, not just HIV and hepatitis B or C.

Delaying critical medical information to our law enforcement professionals who have been exposed to bodily fluids is a potential public health risk that threatens public safety. The sooner our law enforcement professionals know if they may have been exposed to a life-threatening disease or condition, the sooner they can seek treatment and take the right steps to prevent further exposure to their co-workers, family members and the communities they serve.

Thank you for your consideration. We urge your support for SB 1025 A-engrossed.

Sincerely,

  
Sheriff Pat Garrett, President  
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

  
Chief John Teague, President  
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