

February 9, 2017

Senator Jackie Winters, Co-Chair
Representative Duane Stark, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Public Safety
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Winters, Stark and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 5034, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) budget bill. OFCA considers DPSST one of our critical and key statewide partners in fire and life safety. We ask for your support of their 2017-19 budget.

DPSST provides training and support to emergency services throughout the state, including their work with the Fire Service. Through training, advocacy and program offerings, they continue to help Oregon's public safety sector protect our citizens across the state. They maintain the standards for public safety and allow Oregon's public safety officers to remain well trained and able to respond at a moment's notice.

We ask for your support of HB 5034 and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Thank you for your consideration,



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