



From the desk of Jeff  
**OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS** Barker

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**Re: House Bill 2337 - SUPPORT**

Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

The Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs wishes to express our support of HB 2337. By increasing the pay threshold of workers' compensation benefits for permanent total disability this bill follows the stated goals of the workers' compensation system. Specifically, "To restore the injured worker physically and economically to a self-sufficient status in an expeditious manner and to the greatest extent practicable" (ORS 656.012).

HB 2337 creates a more balanced and consistent system for ensuring workers who are injured on the job are adequately compensated for their service and protected at their most vulnerable. The men and women of the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs go to work every day knowing they are at great risk of serious injury or worse. They serve our communities dutifully in the face of these risks and it is our responsibility to be there for them when a serious injury takes them off the street. As a coalition of labor organizations, we also recognize the importance of providing these protections to all workers who find themselves unable to continue in their work due to a permanent disability.

HB 2337 is an important step in modernizing our workers' compensation system, and ensuring that it keeps pace with the rising costs of living. We respectfully ask that you vote "Yes" on this bill.

Respectfully,

Daryl Turner  
President, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs