

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2846**

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**Measure Description:**

Authorizes reserve officers sponsored by law enforcement unit to pay for training as police with cash and G.I. Bill education benefits.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

<b>Agency -- Fund Type</b>	<b>2017-2019 Biennium</b>	<b>2019-2021 Biennium</b>
Department of Public Safety Standards and Training -- Other Funds	\$2,726,354	\$2,726,354
Positions / FTE	2 / 2.00	2 / 2.00

**Analysis:**

The measure allows the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to train reserve officers sponsored by a law enforcement unit. The measure provides that the reserve officer may pay for the costs with cash, or other benefits available, including financial aid from veterans' benefits. The measure limits DPSST to increasing class sizes no more than 25% to accommodate the training of reserve officers. The measure requires DPSST to study the impacts of this reserve officer training program beginning in 2022 and submit a report to the Legislature by September 15, 2022. The measure has a sunset date of January 2, 2024.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The number of reserve officers that may elect to participate in this program is unknown. DPSST would need additional resources depending on the number of reserve officers that participate and the potential use of veterans benefits to pay for the cost of the classes. DPSST notes that class sizes are currently set at 40 students due to classroom sizes and the modularity of the training. Adding up to 10 more students to the class would likely require modification to the building in addition to modification of the training program to accommodate larger numbers.

The Department is currently estimating providing 15 Basic Police Classes with 40 students each in the 2017-19 biennium. If each of these 16-week classes were increased to the maximum allowable limit of 25%, there would be an additional 150 students, or the equivalent of adding almost 4 additional Basic Police Classes. DPSST notes that the cost of this program is \$16,000 per student, which would equate to \$2.4 million Other Funds based on the maximum of 150 students.

DPSST is currently not recognized as an accredited vocational school eligible to meet requirements of US Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and does not currently have administrative staffing that would be necessary to receive, track, and provide report progress that is required of veterans benefits. In order to properly administer this program using available veterans' benefits, DPSST anticipates needing two permanent full-time staff, a Veterans Service Officer and an Accounting Tech at a cost of \$276,790 Other Funds.

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Veterans Affairs for providing assistance to reserve officer veterans that may choose to participate in the program.