



Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Senator Floyd Prozanski
Senate Judiciary Committee
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: SB 1531

Dear Senator Prozanski,

The League of Oregon Cities would like to place our concerns regarding SB 1531 on the record. We will not repeat what has been previously submitted but we have done some analysis of the fiscal implications of the bill and would like to share what we have developed.

We conservatively estimate that the biennial cost for the appointments required under the bill to be approximately \$1,345,000. We reach this figure by multiplying the number of officers in Oregon, 6217 according to DPSST, by the average billed rate for psychologist of \$216.40. This is a statewide total cost and not confined to cities.

There are variables that would increase the cost of the bill. Some providers cost more than others with one psychologist specializing in first responder mental healthcare charging \$387 per visit.

Additionally, rural agencies would be impacted differently due to unavailability of appropriate mental health professionals in all parts of the state. If an officer had to travel for their visit, in some instances we would expect to pay travel expenses at the federal per diem rate of \$98 for lodging and \$58 for meals and incidentals.

While this document is confined to costs, we share the concerns offered by Oregon's sheriffs and police chiefs as well. We look forward to further conversations with stakeholders on ensuring the wellness of first responders in this state.

Sincerely,
Scott Winkels
League of Oregon Cities