

## **SUPPORT HB 2406**

The Association of Oregon Counties and its 36 member counties appreciate the work and partnership it has with the State Police and its troopers who work out of patrol offices and crime labs throughout Oregon. Our county Commissioners, sheriffs, district attorneys, justices of the peace, community corrections directors, 9-1-1 directors, emergency managers, and juvenile department directors and their staff work hand in hand with the state police every day.

We support additional state troopers because Oregon has the lowest ratio of police officers/deputy sheriffs to 100,000 citizens in the nation. This issue has caused an increase in fatal accidents on our highways and freeways. Local agencies have a strong partnership with the state police, often assisting each other with calls for service. Staffing shortages at all levels of law enforcement, however, have left many calls for service unanswered or increased response times especially in rural areas. Counties in Oregon also rely on the state police for assistance through crime labs and the office of the medical examiner.

HB 2406 will gradually stabilize the number of troopers who help keep our highways safe. This will reduce fatal accidents.

Please vote YES on HB 2406.

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