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Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

Conservators of the Peace

To: House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

From: Jason Myers, Executive Director
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Re: Support for HB 4111 – Oregon Search and Rescue Card Program
Details Regarding Program Implementation and Administration

Chair Evans and members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Jason Myers. I am the Executive Director for the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and I am here today on behalf of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association in support of HB 4111 with adoption of the dash 3 amendment.

The purpose of my testimony today, is to provide the committee with a brief background on OSSA's mission, business model and the willingness of the Association to take on the administration of the SAR card program.

OSSA is a non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1916. The organization exists to engage in activities beneficial to the Office of Sheriff, training for the various important public safety positions that fall under the Office of Sheriff and to serve as a single, effective, trusted voice of Oregon's 36 elected sheriffs.

OSSA is financially supported in a number of ways with a membership program being the largest percentage. All of the associated business practices to prospect and maintain membership is done within the organization. We do not contract with a third party for this service as many non-profit organizations do. The Association has well established business practices and membership management software that we would propose using to establish the SAR card program. I share this with you as we want this committee to have confidence in OSSA's ability to take on the administrative responsibility.

OSSA's Executive Committee has committed to providing the upfront financial resources to get this program off the ground as they believe the SAR Card program will be of great benefit to our Search and Rescue personnel around the state, recreators and those who find themselves in need of rescue. We

ask that OSSA be allowed to retain 10% of the gross proceeds for the administrative costs of this program.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to testify today and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.