

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of State Police
Criminal Background Check Improvement Grant**

On February 20th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Police to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics for a National Instant Criminal Background Check System Act Record Improvement Program competitive grant.

This grant program provides funding to states to improve the information available in the National Instant Criminal Background Check system. Though the Bureau of Justice Statistics has not yet identified the amount of funding available nor the size of this year's grant awards, the Oregon State Police has received this grant in ten of the past eleven years in amounts ranging from \$367,000 to \$2 million, and plans to use the grant funding, if received, to maintain and improve Oregon's criminal history database. There are no match requirements.

If the grant is awarded, the agency will return to the legislature with a full description of its grant proposal, and may request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation and position authority, if needed.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.