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I strongly oppose SB 779. If SB 779 passes it would have a negative impact on law enforcement throughout Oregon. Places like Wheeler County, where deputy pay starts around \$24 an hour, could not afford to pay the tens of thousands of dollars to earn a bachelors degree. Additionally there are no colleges in many areas of Oregon. Attending a college in Eugene may be easy, where living is Spray would give you no option other than online college. Thousands of law enforcement officers in Oregon have been doing this job successfully with no college degree. Many are veterans that chose to serve their country instead of rack up debt getting a degree. Hiring educated people for law enforcement is important, but this bill would do more harm than good.  
Thank You, James Burgett