

February 16, 2023

Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Public Safety  
Oregon State Legislature  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: Port of Portland SB 5533 Comments**

Co-Chair Sollman, Co-Chair Evans and Members of the Committee:

The Port of Portland fully supports SB 5533. We are particularly grateful for the full funding for twenty academies, which is the maximum capacity for the existing facility.

We would also like to express conceptual support for a temporary regional academy, staffed with DPSST-certified trainers, to clear the six-month backlog of training as expeditiously as possible. We believe there are qualified trainers in the metro area who may participate in a regional academy but who are not currently working in Salem because of the distance. We also believe that we can work with partners to find adequate regional facilities, which would keep costs low for the state.

Thank you again for considering these critical investments. The Port is ready and willing to partner in whatever way we can to address the training backlog.

Thank you,



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