



April 26, 2021

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5028

Oregon State Police

Dear Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair Sollman, Senators Hansell and Prozanski, and Representatives Grayber, Kropf, Leif, and Stark,

Thank you for the opportunity to briefly testify about the Oregon State Police (OSP) budget. AOC strongly supports the budget requests of OSP, one of our key partners in the delivery of core public safety services for all Oregonians.

The State of Oregon and Oregon Counties have numerous [partnerships](#) in the delivery of core public services. The County-OSP partnership is one of the most important of those in the public safety arena, involving many aspects of County government, including Sheriff's Offices, Community Corrections, Juvenile Departments, and many more. Here is a short list of just a few of the vital public safety services that OSP delivers in all 36 Oregon Counties:

- **Patrol:** OSP Patrol Troopers are the primary law enforcement presence on our interstate and state highways helping to keep our motoring public safe.
- **Wildlife:** OSP Gaming Troopers help protect our natural resources for the enjoyment of all Oregonians and visitors alike.
- **Forensics:** The OSP Crime Lab is at the core of countless criminal investigations, providing vital processing and analysis of crime scene evidence.
- **Investigations:** OSP Detectives lead and assist in complex and major crime investigations all around our state.

In short, AOC strongly encourages this Subcommittee to fully fund the budget requests made by OSP, a key public safety partner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Bovett", is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp or watermark.

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