

- Good Afternoon **Vice-Chair Findley** and members of the Committee
  - My name is Terri Davie, and I am the Superintendent of the Oregon State Police. I am here in support of SB 289.
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- Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate bill 289.
  - The Oregon State Police's mission is to protect people, property and our natural resources.
  - Members of the Oregon State Police do not tolerate any form of hate, harassment or violence and we strongly feel all Oregonians and visitors should be welcomed to experience the beauty of Oregon's natural environment, without fear, and they have the right to feel safe.
  - Your Troopers are working throughout Oregon and each day, we interact with Oregonians and visitors for a variety of reasons. We may respond to a traffic collision, we may assist a disabled motorist on the side of the road, respond to a report of a crime in progress or we may have contact with a person enjoying the outdoors.
  - When a Trooper makes contact with a person or is dispatched to a call for service that involves a person that does not possess a valid license to harvest wildlife or that might be committing a criminal act, such as criminal trespass or a bias crime, the Trooper will investigate the incident.
  - Depending on the results of the investigation, the Trooper may arrest the person or issue a citation in lieu of custody to the person.
  - The Trooper will write a report and submit the report to the local District Attorney's Office. When crimes are related to wildlife offenses, Troopers include a document that lists out the applicable statutory provisions to assist the District Attorney and the Courts to ensure they are aware that additional actions can be taken during the criminal justice process.
  - Once the District Attorney receives the report, he District Attorney may dismiss the case or may file charges.
  - If the case proceeds forward, it will be adjudicated in an Oregon Court.

- Once a Court rules on the outcome if the penalty includes revocations, they are reported to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The information is added to the Electronic Licensing System (ELS).
- In the future, if the person is contacted by a police officer in Oregon and a check is conducted in the ELS system, the privileges of the person will be displayed and if Enforcement Action has been entered, it will detail what actions are in effect, such as a suspension and for which product categories (Angling, Big Game Hunting, Bird Hunting, etc)
- The Oregon State Police believes that when people are aware that there are consequences or penalties for their actions, it can deter or prevent some persons from committing negative or criminal actions.
- Ensuring equitable access for all to the beauty of Oregon supports the well-being of all Oregonians and visitors.
- Thank you, and that concludes my testimony and I am available to answer any questions.