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**TO:** Honorable Members of the House Subcommittee on Equitable Policing

**FROM:** Linsay Hale, Professional Standards/Interim Training Division Director

**SUBJECT:** DPSST Testimony: HB 2513

**Summary:** HB 2513 requires the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) include in the minimum training required for Basic certification as a police officer at least six hours of training in airways and circulatory anatomy and physiology and certification in adult and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The bill further requires all police officers receive at least two hours of training in airway and circulatory anatomy and physiology and certification in adult and child CPR every year. Finally the bill requires any peace officer who encounters a restrained person suffering a respiratory or cardiac compromise to request emergency medical services within 60 seconds.

**Background:** The DPSST, in consultation with the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST), is responsible for the delivery of mandated Basic Police training as well as the certification of Oregon's full-time police officers. The BPSST also establishes standards of training required to maintain public safety certifications.

Current administrative rule requires all public safety agency officers<sup>1</sup> have a valid first aid and CPR certification prior to the issuance of Basic certification. [OAR 259-008-0060(4)(d)] Administrative rule further requires all public safety officers maintain current first aid and CPR certification throughout their employment in public safety. Failure to maintain first aid and CPR certification would result in an administrative suspension of Basic certification and the inability to continue employment in a certified role until the standard is met and certifications re-activated. [OAR 259-008-0065] The first aid and CPR training used to meet these requirements is at the discretion of the employing public safety agency.<sup>2</sup> An officer's first aid and CPR training and certification expiration is required to be reported to the DPSST, and, once reported, is recorded on the officer's DPSST training record.

**Impact of HB 2513 on DPSST:** HB 2513 does not specify whether the additional 6+ hours of training in airways and circulatory anatomy and physiology must be part of the 640-hour Basic Police Course delivered by the DPSST on the Oregon Public Safety Academy campus in Salem. If these hours become part of the existing course, then the Basic Police Course would need to be expanded by at least six hours. This would create a fiscal impact on the DPSST by requiring one additional day of meals and lodging of all Basic Police students, as well as providing the compensation to the instructors needed to deliver the additional training.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Includes police officers, corrections officers, parole & probation officers and regulatory specialists. (Note: The DPSST does not currently provide Basic-level training or certification to reserve officers.)

<sup>2</sup> The existing requirement does not differentiate between adult and child CPR certification.

<sup>3</sup> The agencies that employ the officers enrolled in the Basic Course would retain the obligation to provide the officer's salary and benefits.

This fiscal impact could be mitigated by replacing six hours of existing training (keeping the Basic course at 640 hours), or requiring the training be completed prior to or after the Basic Police Course. These options would limit the fiscal impact on the DPSST, but would still be expected to impact the employing agencies of officers required to complete the training.

The requirement that police officers complete at least two hours of training on airways and circulatory anatomy and physiology, and training that would result in adult and child CPR certification would not impact the DPSST fiscally or operationally. Employing agencies would become responsible for ensuring those training requirements are met by their officers, and the training reported to the DPSST using systems already developed for ensuring certification maintenance training requirements are satisfied.

Lastly, the legislation as introduced does not specify which entity would be responsible for the development of the 6+ hours of training or the subsequent training required to maintain certification, or the subsequent trainings required to maintain Basic Police certification. If the expectation is that the DPSST create and maintain these curricula in consultation with the Board, the DPSST would reasonably expect the need for additional staff to assist with the development and delivery of the additional training curricula.

\*Section 2 of HB 2513 would not impact the DPSST fiscally or operationally.

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