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**To: Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Equitable Policing**

**From:** Jason Myers, Executive Director  
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

**Date:** February 17, 2021

**Re: Testimony re HB 2513 – Respiratory and Cardiac Training and Policy**

**Chair Bynum and members of the committee,**

On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police OACP, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 2513 which addresses the need for law enforcement training in airway and circulatory anatomy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and respiratory or cardiac compromise and a policy requiring law enforcement officers to immediately contact emergency medical services when they encounter a person experiencing compromise.

OSSA and OACP would like begin our remarks by thanking Representative Grayber for engaging us in conversations about the measure and for considering our concerns and recommendations for amendment language. We support the objectives of HB 2513 and request consideration of the following language changes:

“Relating to peace officers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 181A.440. Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon: SECTION 1. ORS 181A.440 is amended to read: 181A.440. (1) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall include in the minimum training required for basic certification as a police officer under ORS 181A.490: [(1)] (a) The law, theory, policies and practices related to vehicle pursuit driving and, as facilities and funding permit, vehicle pursuit training exercises [; and]. [(2)] (b) At least 24 hours of training in the recognition of mental illnesses utilizing a crisis intervention training model, at least one hour of which must include training on the appropriate use of the medical health database described in ORS 181A.285.

(c) At least **two** hours of training in airway and circulatory anatomy and physiology. (2) The department shall ensure **by administrative rule** that all police officers certified by the department receive the following training: (a) Certification in adult and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation. (b) At least one hour of training in airway and circulatory anatomy and physiology **in each maintenance training period**. SECTION 2. Within 60 seconds after a peace

officer, as defined in ORS 161.015, encounters a restrained person suffering a respiratory or cardiac compromise, the officer shall request emergency medical services **when tactically feasible and when the officer has access to communications.**”

This amendment recommendation identifies 2 hours for police officer basic training, connects the certification and training requirements to the police officer maintenance training period and identifies exceptions to the requirement to request emergency medical services within 60 seconds when it isn't possible for the officer to do so due to tactical reasons or because the officer doesn't have communication capabilities.

Thank you for your consideration