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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 2986

**Summary:** HB 2986 adds crimes motivated by prejudice based on perceived gender to the list of topics the Board of Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) must ensure all police officers and certified reserve officers are trained to investigate, identify and report.

**Background:** The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), in consultation with the BPSST, is responsible for the development of minimum certification and training standards for Oregon's full-time police officers.<sup>1</sup>

The DPSST is also responsible for delivering the Board-approved 640-hour Basic Police Course which is required to be completed by all newly hired full-time police officers in Oregon.

**Impact of HB 2986 on DPSST:** The DPSST updated the Basic Police curriculum in 2019 to reflect legislative amendments adding gender identity to the laws relating to bias crimes (found in ORS 166.155 and 166.165) and the related reporting requirements (found in ORS 181A.255).

As such, HB 2986 as introduced is not expected to have any fiscal or operational impact on the DPSST, the BPSST or their mission.

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<sup>1</sup> The DPSST does not currently provide Basic-level training or certification to reserve officers.