

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 1540**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Appropriates moneys to Department of State Police to fund Firearms Instant Check System unit.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon State Police (OSP)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

Oregon State Police	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$2,600,000	\$0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$2,600,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Analysis:**

This measure appropriates \$2.6 million General Fund to the Department of State Police (OSP) to fund Firearms Instant Check System unit within the agency.

Oregon State Police assumes that the \$2.6 million one-time General Fund appropriation will be used by the agency to support 17 limited duration positions in the Firearms Unit that were approved in the 2021 regular session through HB 5028. These 17 positions, totaling 14.96 FTE, were included in the agency’s 2021-23 budget to address a backlog of firearm background checks. HB 5028 also provided \$2,385,834 of one-time Other Funds expenditure limitation with the expectation that the Department would utilize available fund balances from fee revenues within the Criminal Justice Information Services Division to fund the positions. OSP reports that only one of the approved positions has been hired to-date.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the funding provided in the measure does not align with the actual costs of funding 17 limited duration positions for the remainder of the biennium. OSP estimates that the cost to fund the positions, based on the measures effective date of January 1, 2023, would be \$1,802,822.