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To: Public Safety Subcommittee
From: John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 20, 2025
Subject: SB 243 – Relating to Firearms

The measure is to be known as the Community Safety Firearms Act and includes policy provisions related to rapid fire activators, a governing body's ability to restrict firearms in certain public areas and the operative date of Oregon Law that codified Ballot Measure 114 (BM 114), effective on March 15, 2026.

The staff measure summary, fiscal, revenue, and open government impact statements are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System. The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$14 million General Fund and 32 positions (25.00 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium and \$11.6 million General Fund and 28 permanent full-time positions (28.00 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium. While BM 114 is current law, the law has not been funded previously due to a court injunction challenging the law's constitutionality. Therefore, the cost to implement this measure includes the fiscal impact of implementing BM 114.

There is no amendment to the measure. The budgetary provisions associated with the measure will be included in HB 5006 (an omnibus budget measure), which will include the following:

- (a) A General Fund appropriation of \$1.8 million and authorization to establish seven permanent full-time positions (0.91 FTE) for the Department of State Police (OSP) to fund the measure's cost from January 1 to March 31, 2026; and
- (b) A special purpose appropriation (SPA) of \$12.2 million to the Emergency Board for allocation to OSP for the remaining 2025-27 cost to implement SB 243 and BM 114.

The SPA to the Emergency Board is established due to the legal uncertainty surrounding the ballot measure's constitutionality and allows the 2026 Legislature, or the Emergency Board,

with the opportunity to provide supplemental funding to OSP to implement the measure dependent upon the Oregon Supreme Court's decision. If BM 114 is ruled unconstitutional, then the fiscal impact of the measure's provisions unrelated to BM 114 would be minimal.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 243 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 243 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

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