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The Department of State Police is submitting this testimony in support SB 5505.

The mission of the Oregon State Police (OSP) is, to serve all people with a priority of safeguarding life, property, and natural resources by building upon a diverse, professional, and trustworthy workforce.

OSP currently leases most of its facilities, including the Coos Bay Area Command Center and Ontario Area Command Center. Because these two facilities are leased it severely limits opportunities for future growth, or improvements to energy efficiency improvement and resiliency needs of in support of the public needs. As the population continues to grow and the demand for additional state troopers continues to expand. OSP desires to take ownership of its facilities allowing the agency to have a better control its facility destiny and improve OSP's community presence.

The business needs in support of this recommendation:

- Space needs. Current leased facilities are too small and lack the needed programmatic space for business functions, including Forensic, Medical Examiners and Evidence secure storage needs.
- Safety & Security need. Current leased facilities lack basic security needs for staff and visiting public, additionally current building footprints do not provide separations between staff and offenders for sex offender registration or interview rooms.
- Equitable needs. Current leased facilities do not provide equitable of sufficient space for basic staff needs, including sanitary facilities or lactation rooms.
- Inefficiencies. Current leased facilities are outdated and not built to Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) Essential Facilities standards, lack modern functionality, as well as energy and resiliency needs for OSP to perform OSP core functions.

In the 25/27 biennium OSP desires to invest in two new property acquisitions for replacements of our facilities in Coos Bay Area Command Center and Ontario Area Command Center. OSP anticipates that the passage of SB 5505 will allow OSP this opportunity. Additionally, given the real estate inventory shortages and increasing land costs, focusing on the land only is expected to help minimize land cost increases and increase available property opportunities. Building the structures later will allow focus on design and construction in a future biennium. It will also provide opportunity for internal design preplanning once the land is acquired allowing for better budgeting

for future design and construction needs.

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Thank you,

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