

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION
CLOSING REPORT**

PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST)

The Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation has completed its review of the budget for the Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST).

POST (101-3774) POST-7: As recommended by the Governor, the Subcommittee recommended approving administrative court assessments of \$17,030 in FY 2017 for the construction of a training shoot house. The Subcommittee also recommended approving administrative court assessments of \$24,000 in FY 2016 to purchase 24 computer smart tablets (tablets). The Subcommittee recommended an adjustment to eliminate one replacement desktop computer dedicated to scanning and recording academy tests, which the POST indicated was not necessary with the approval of the tablets. Adjustments to administrative court assessments may be required contingent on the final decisions by the money committees with respect to the administrative court assessment revenues.

The Subcommittee recommended approval of the remainder of the budget as recommended by the Governor, with minor technical adjustments.

PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST)
General Fund Impacts of Subcommittee Closing

| Page | Budget | Title | FY 2016 | FY 2017 |
|--|----------|---|---------|---------|
| <u>AS CLOSED BY SUBCOMMITTEE:</u> | | | | |
| POST-7 | 101-3774 | *Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission | 0 | 0 |
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| *No General Fund impact | | | | |

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 Budget Closing Action Report
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Title: PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION
Account: 101 - 3774

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| Revenues | 2013-14 Actual | 2014-15 WP | % Chg | 2015-16 GOV REC | % Chg | 2016-17 GOV REC | % Chg |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
| BALANCE FORWARD | (158,205) | 202,649 | (228.09) | 164,519 | (18.82) | 217,842 | 32.41 |
| GENERAL FUND | | 156,119 | | | | | |
| INTERAGENCY TRANSFER | 17,602 | | | | | | |
| OTHER FUND | 2,079,540 | 2,037,383 | (2.03) | 2,225,819 | 9.25 | 2,190,786 | (1.57) |
| Total Revenues | 1,938,937 | 2,396,151 | 23.58 | 2,390,338 | (0.24) | 2,408,628 | 0.77 |
| Total FTE | | 17.00 | | 17.00 | | 17.00 | |

Adjustments to Revenue

| Dec Unit | Cat | GL | Description | 2015-16 Gov Rec | 2016-17 Gov Rec |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sub-total | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Line Item Changes to Revenues | | | | 0 | 0 |

Adjustments to Expenditures

| Dec Unit | Cat | GL | Description | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|---|-----|------|--|---------|---------|
| E710 | 26 | 8000 | Eliminate one desktop computer for scanning and records management based on the decisions of the Subcommittee on April 8, 2015 | | (1,258) |
| E710 | 86 | 9000 | Eliminate one desktop computer for scanning and records management based on the decisions of the Subcommittee on April 8, 2015 | | 1,258 |
| E711 | 04 | 7000 | Move non-equipment items from the equipment category to the operating category | 2,950 | 2,950 |
| E711 | 05 | 7000 | Move non-equipment items from the equipment category to the operating category | (2,950) | (2,950) |
| Sub-total | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Line Item Changes to Expenditures | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes | | | | 0 | 0 |

Overview

The Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST) Commission establishes minimum standards for training and certification of peace officers within the state; ensures that all peace officers meet the standards established; audits other law enforcement academies; certifies and monitors continuing education courses and conducts basic law enforcement academies. POST provides training for the rural communities, judicial district courts, and those agencies that do not have a peace officer training academy. Additionally, POST provides peace officer training for agencies such as the Department of Corrections and Washoe County that have peace officer training academies, but do not have enough cadets to conduct an academy, or are at capacity for training peace officer cadets. Two academies per year are held in Carson City at the Stewart Complex, which offers trainings for peace officer category levels I, II and III. Approximately 90 percent of POST's annual budget is funded by administrative court assessments.

Major Closing Issues

1. Training Shoot House
2. Computer Smart Tablets

Discussion of Major Closing Issues

1. Training Shoot House (E-353, POST-9): The Executive Budget recommends administrative court assessments of \$17,030 in FY 2017 to construct a shoot house. A shoot house is a building without a roof, with catwalks on top of the walls for instructor observation and correction. According to POST, the shoot house would be utilized to train cadets on essential law enforcement operation: building searches and clearing rooms. Currently, POST trains cadets to crawl in an open field and to run in a building using role players that shoot back using air soft or clay ammunition for safety purposes. However, POST indicates it is unable to train cadets using the walk technique to conduct building searches and room clearances.

The shoot house would be constructed as a temporary building of treated wood and only air soft or Simunition (training ammunition designed to be fired through police weapons) ammunition would be used, requiring minimal future maintenance. According to POST, the shoot house would be constructed by volunteers, including a peace officer with a contractor's license. The shoot house would be located at the Stewart facility near the gymnasium and would be made available to other agencies and non-state entities. According to POST, the Stewart facility near the gymnasium was chosen due to its seclusion from inmate workers and the general public. In response to Fiscal staff inquiries, POST indicated it would utilize standardized forms developed by the Department of Administration, and customized in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General, to assure the entities using the shoot house have proof of liability insurance.

Does the Subcommittee wish to approve administrative court assessments of \$17,030 in Fiscal Year 2017 for the construction of a training shoot house?

The Subcommittee recommended approving administrative court assessments of \$17,030 in Fiscal Year 2017 for the construction of a training shoot house.

2. Computer Smart Tablets (E-720, POST-11): The Executive Budget recommends administrative court assessments of \$24,000 in FY 2016 to purchase 24 computer smart tablets (tablets) as recommended by EITS. The tablets would be used by law enforcement cadets in the classrooms to take instructional notes and complete online quizzes and testing. POST completes two basic training academies per year and averages 24 cadets per academy. Currently, cadets use personally-owned laptop computers throughout the ten-hour training days to take instructional notes.

POST administers quizzes to basic academy students using printed class materials and Scantron sheets, and testing is completed online through a state portal utilizing personally-owned laptops. The smart tablets would standardize testing materials and processes for basic academy cadets, save time by allowing for updated instructional material through the wireless network, provide faster feedback to the cadets, and reduce the staff time necessary to proctor and grade tests using Scantron sheets. The nine POST Commissioners would also have access to the tablets to receive commission meeting materials electronically when the tablets are not in use by law enforcement cadets.

Does the Subcommittee wish to approve administrative court assessments of \$24,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 to purchase 24 computer smart tablets?

The Subcommittee recommended approving administrative court assessments of \$24,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 to purchase 24 computer smart tablets.

Other Closing Items

1. Out-of-State Travel (E-352, POST-9): The Governor recommends administrative court assessments of \$8,050 over the 2015-17 biennium to allow the POST Director to attend an annual International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) conference and an annual Western States Association of Peace Officers Standards and Training director’s conference. During Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, and 2014, the former POST Director held an office for IADLEST; costs associated with attending the IADLEST conferences were paid by the association. Fiscal staff notes that this recommendation restores funding to near the 2005-07 biennium levels for out-of-state travel. **This recommendation appears reasonable.**
2. Replacement Equipment (E-710 POST-10): The Governor recommends administrative court assessments of \$68,501 over the 2015-17 biennium to replace 30 desktop computers, 6 laptop computers, 2 servers, and associated computer software. The purposes for each of the 30 replacement desktop computers is provided in the table on the following page.

| Replacement Desktop Computers | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Quantity | Purpose |
| 17 | POST staff |
| 4 | Dorm room computers for cadet and visitor while on personal time; Internet and email accessibility to allow access to family and friends and the ability to work on and print documents for training purposes |
| 3 | Professional student research and lesson development* |
| 2 | Classroom instructor usage |
| 1 | Document scanning and records management |
| 1 | IT maintenance, testing and development, including programming and server operations |
| 1 | Security card production and tracking |
| 1 | Scanning and recording academy tests |
| 30 | |

*A professional student is one that has already received a certificate of a peace officer, but is working toward a higher level of achievement.

Fiscal staff notes POST indicates the desktop computer dedicated to scanning and recording academy tests would not be necessary if the smart tablets in E-720 are approved. The elimination of this desktop computer would reduce administrative court assessments of \$1,258 in FY 2017. **Fiscal staff will ensure the closing action taken by the Subcommittee regarding the recommendation for new smart tablets in the E-720 decision unit is reflected in this decision unit.**

3. Replacement Equipment (E-711, POST-10 and 11): The Governor recommends administrative court assessments of \$23,194 over the 2015-17 biennium to replace two used police training pickups, emergency equipment, and associated vehicle items for the agency to use during emergency vehicle operations course (EVOC) training. Fiscal staff has made technical adjustments to re-categorize non-equipment expenses as operating expenses as reflected on the first page of this closing document. **With the technical adjustments, this decision unit appears reasonable.**

Fiscal staff recommends the Other Closing Items in this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor, with the technical adjustments noted by staff, and authority for staff to other make technical adjustments, as necessary.

The Subcommittee recommended approval of the Other Closing Items in this budget as recommended by the Governor, with technical adjustments, and authority for staff to make other technical adjustments, as needed.