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Rep. Smith Votes to Restore OSP Funding, Save Detective Positions

SALEM - As a member of the budget-writing Joint Ways and Means Committee, [Representative Greg Smith \(R-Heppner\)](#) voted to restore \$7.8 million funding to the Oregon State Police in the 2011-13 state budget. Rep. Smith said the Legislature will not cut OSP detective positions, which he says are vital to Eastern Oregon and other rural communities.

"This vote will prevent proposed cuts to the Oregon State Police and will help keep detectives on the job," Rep. Smith said. "Rural Oregon can't afford to lose one position because this agency is critical to our public safety and local law enforcement community."

The 2011-13 budget rebalance legislation reflects a net \$5.3 million increase for the Oregon State Police. Proposed cuts to detective positions in OSP's Criminal Division were prevented by redirecting savings from other divisions within the agency.

"The Legislature's action is a significant victory for Oregon's rural communities," Rep. Smith said. "I was pleased to support the rebalance of OSP's budget, and I thank Republican and Democratic leaders for listening to our concerns."

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