
Josephine (JO) County (CO) Justice System (JS) & Public Safety Services (PSS)

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services¹⁻²

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed. “*Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of PSS?*”

AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) Task Force On Effective And Cost-Efficient Service Provision³

OREGON SENATE BILL 77 (2009) established the process to declare a public safety services emergency in a fiscally distressed county. The bill had been codified at ORS 203.095 and 203.100.

SB 77, Section 1. (1) If the governing body of a county or the Governor believes that the county is in a **state of fiscal distress** that compromises the county’s ability to provide a **minimally adequate level of public safety services**, the governing body or the Governor may seek a **declaration of a public safety services emergency** by requesting in writing that the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) review and analyze public safety services provided by the county. (2) CJC review and analyze PSS provided to determine whether the CO is providing a **minimally adequate level of PSS**.

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.
2. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support*. Hugo, OR.
3. AOC (Association of Oregon Counties). October 1, 2010. Association of Oregon Counties Task Force On Effective And Cost-Efficient Service Provision. Rep. Nancy Nathanson, Chair.

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OREGON HOUSE BILL 4176 (2012) Relating to counties in fiscal distress; creating new provisions; amending ORS 203.095 and 203.100; repealing ORS 203.095 and 203.100; appropriating money; limiting expenditures; and declaring an emergency.

HB 4176 SECTION 1. ORS 203.095 (1)(a) The governing body of a county may seek a **declaration of a fiscal emergency** by requesting in writing that the Governor review and analyze state-required services provided by the county if: (A) The governing body of the county believes that the **county is in a state of fiscal distress** that **compromises the county’s ability to provide a minimally adequate level**, currently or within the next fiscal year, of any service that a county is required to provide by state law; . . .

(2) When a request for review of state-required services is made the Governor shall gather information regarding the **current level of state-required services provided by the county**; and review and analyze state-required services provided in the county to determine whether the county is providing a **minimally adequate level of state-required services**.

(3) If the Governor finds that the county is providing, or within the next fiscal year will be providing, a **less than minimally adequate level of state-required services**, the Governor shall declare a **fiscal emergency** for the county.

JO CO Minimally Adequate Public Safety Services Standards

OREGON HOUSE BILL 3453 (2013) Provides that the Governor of Oregon may proclaim public safety fiscal emergency for one or more counties **where fiscal conditions compromise county ability to provide minimally adequate level of public safety services**.

ORS 203.095/ORS 203.100

OAR 213-070-0000/ Definitions OAR 213-070-0010

- “**Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services**” (MALPSS) is that level of PSS determined to be required to provide a **reasonable level of public safety** within the CO. The Com will determine the level of services that are minimally adequate in a particular CO by following the process set forth in these rules, analyzing the contextual factors present in the county as well as the current and historical levels of PSS provided by the CO.
- “**PSS Emergency**” is a situation in which a CO is in a **state of fiscal distress** that compromises the CO’s **ability to provide a MALPSS**. **Current Level of PSS OAR 213-070-0020** This rule defines information sources and areas of PSS such as CO jail operations and law enforcement, investigation, and patrol.

Want more information? Contact a member of the *Exploratory Committee*.

Exploratory Committee's Mission

Mission An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of cost for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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Justice System & Public Safety Services Series

Standards & Authorities

- *State of Fiscal Distress (SFD)*
- *Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services (MALPSS)*
- *Public Safety Services Emergency (PSSE)*



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