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

### JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. Both levies failed. The issue: “*Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?*”<sup>1-4</sup>

### ADEQUATE INFORMATION STANDARDS<sup>5</sup>

The purpose of adequate information standards is an informed citizenry and informed decision-making. For public issues it requires a transparent government and decision-making processes.

Any opinion more than subjective venting should meet standards of adequacy to have any credibility. Any significant controversial public issue purported to be in the public interest must meet stringent standards of adequacy for the final action or decision to be credible, and, therefore, have the best opportunity to be accepted and supported by the public.

### ENROLLED HOUSE BILL 3453<sup>6</sup>

**OR HB 3453 Section 1** This section is general purpose statements. No adequate information compliance issues.

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1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.

2. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission*. Hugo, OR.

3. HNA&HS. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate*. Hugo, OR.

4. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support*. Hugo, OR.

5. Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee (HJSEC), HNA&HS. August 22, 2013. *Adequate Information to Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work*. Including Appendix A. Hugo, OR.

6. 77th Oregon Legislative Assembly. 2013 Regular Session. *HB 3453*. Salem, OR.

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## HB Bill 2453 Not In Compliance With Adequate Information Standards

**OR HB 3453 Section 2 (1)** If the Governor determines that **fiscal conditions exist**, or are imminent in one or more counties that **compromise the ability** of the affected counties to provide a **minimally adequate level of public safety services**, the Governor may proclaim a **PSFE**.

**Section 2(1)** is the heart of Enrolled House Bill 3453 and the section most in need of support to make it understandable by the public. The following opinion statements are without any factual information, explanation, or supporting materials.

- *Fiscal Conditions Exist*
- *Compromise the Ability*
- *Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services*
- *Public Safety Fiscal Emergency*.

Section 2(1) Is not understood.

Section 2(1) Has no supporting arguments.

Section 2(1) Has no standards of review.

Section 2(1) Provides no evidence/facts.

Section 2(1) Has no references or sources of explanatory information.

**OR HB 3453 Section 2(1) is not in compliance with the adequate information standards.** What do the opinion statements in Section 2(1) mean and how will they be implemented?

See Senate Bill 77 (2009), House Bill 4176 (2012), ORS 203.095, and OAR 213-070-000 (2011) for examples of bill and laws in compliance with the adequate information standards.

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7.HJSEC, HNA&HS. September 9, 2013. *Adequate Information & Analysis Methodology*. Brochure III.G.1 of JS&PSS series. Hugo, OR.

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## Enrolled OR House Bill (HB) 3453 & Public Safety Fiscal Emergency (PSFE)

**OR HB 3453 Section 3(1)** Whenever the Governor has proclaimed a **PSFE** pursuant to section 2, he may, on behalf of a unit of local government after obtaining written authorization signed by a majority of the governing body of the local government, enter into a written Intergovernmental Agreement (IA) for the **performance of functions and activities related to public safety** with a unit of local government that is party to the agreement or its officers or agencies have authority to perform.

**OR HB 3453 Section 3(1)** has the same not in compliance issues as Section 2(1) for the following unsupported statements.

- *Performance of Functions and Activities Related to Public Safety*
- *Performance of a Function or Activity*

**OR HB 3453 Sections 4 - 9** These sections are mostly about the legal obligations of a contract - IA and legal issues of a contract. The law (i.e., ORS) is referenced as to meanings and terms. No known adequate information compliance issues.

**OR HB 3453 Sections 10 -14** Statements of Fact. No adequate information compliance issues.

**Summary** OR HB 3453 is not in compliance with the adequate information standards.

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

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8.HJSEC, HNA&HS. September 7, 2013. *Adequate Information Analysis Process*. Brochure III.G.2 of JS&PSS series. Hugo, OR.

## 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 costs 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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# ADEQUATE INFOR ANALYSIS: ENROLLED OREGON HOUSE BILL 3453

Br IIIG.2.2 on Br IIIE.1.7.3.1  
Justice System & Public Safety Services Series

- *Fiscal Conditions Exist*
  - *Compromise the Ability*
  - *Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services*
  - *Public Safety Fiscal Emergency*
- Performance of Functions and Activities  
Related to Public Safety*



***“The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.”***

December 1, 1862 Annual Message to Congress --  
Concluding Remarks by Abraham Lincoln.

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