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TO: Senator Marko Liias, Senate Transportation Committee
Representative Jake Fey, House Transportation Committee
Ms. K.D. Chapman-See, Office of Financial Management

FROM: Chief John R. Batiste

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report on Field Force Attrition

In accordance with Section 2(6) of SHB 2357, beginning on July 15, 2024, and every three months thereafter, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) must submit a report showing the average filled positions in field force trooper positions in comparison to the 683 total authorized field force trooper positions in the prior fiscal quarter. The quarterly reports detailed must be submitted to the Office of Financial Management and the Transportation Committees of the legislature. The authorized field force trooper level as the basis for this comparison may be adjusted as specified in the omnibus transportation appropriations act.

3rd Quarter – FY26	Authorized Field Troopers	Filled Positions*
January 2026	683	597
February 2026	683	599
March 2026	683	589
Quarterly Average of Filled Positions		**595**

* As of fiscal month close.

I attest that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 596-4101.

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