

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Whisnant, Macpherson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Read
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Adds fire service professionals to the list of full-time employees of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) that may be certified when they possess the requisite qualifications. Establishes that a DPSST employee who is certified as a police officer, certified reserve officer, corrections officer, parole and probation officer, a fire service professional, a telecommunicator, or an emergency medical dispatcher is considered a full-time public safety officer in their certified discipline. Stipulates that employees are considered full-time public safety officers for the purposes of denying, revoking, or suspending certification; eligibility to apply for benefits from the Public Safety Memorial Fund; and eligibility to be honored at a fallen law enforcement memorial.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Necessity of certification for staff members
- Current standards for regulations of public safety officers
- Effect on Public Employees Retirement System benefits
- Difference between full-time and part-time staff members
- Public Safety Memorial Fund Committee's stance

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** As presently written, ORS 181.651 states that full-time employees of the DPSST who possess the requisite training may be certified as a police officer, certified reserve officer, corrections officer, parole and probation officer, a telecommunicator or an emergency medical dispatcher.

DPSST currently has the ability to regulate certification, award Public Safety Memorial Fund benefits, and determine eligibility for the fallen law enforcement memorial. For the employee to be qualified under these provisions, the employee must be a full-time public safety officer.

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