

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/17, 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a public safety officer, at the time he or she is hired, to designate a beneficiary to receive benefits from the Public Safety Memorial Fund. Allows a person designated as a beneficiary to receive benefits from the Fund. Allows a family member or parent to receive benefits if no beneficiary is designated. Expands the definition of child to include a person 18 to 22 years of age and enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student or 18 years of age or older and incapable of self-support due to physical or mental disability from the current 19 years or older. Repeals ORS 243.969, which lists the succession of beneficiaries.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- No additional cost
- Helps line officers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Amendment replaces the bill.

BACKGROUND: Family members of officers – currently defined as the spouse, child, or dependent of an officer – are eligible to receive benefits from the Fund if the officer suffers a qualifying disability or death. Benefits can include, depending on whether entitlement is based on injury or death, a lump sum award of \$25,000, five years of health and dental insurance, 12 mortgage payments, and graduate scholarships. HB 2833 would allow domestic partners to receive benefits from the Fund to the same extent as spouses of officers.