

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 3 - 0

Yeas: Buckley, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum

Nays: Berger, Esquivel, Thatcher

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Meeting Dates: 5/30, 6/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the number of Board of Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) members from 24 to 25. Removes—as *ex officio* voting members of the Board—Chief of the Portland Police Bureau, Chief of the Portland Fire Bureau, and the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for Oregon. Removes—as an appointed member—the representative of forest protection agencies. Removes voting authority of the Superintendent of the State Police, State Fire Marshal, and the Director of the Department of Corrections (making them, or their designees, non-voting *ex officio* members). Requires one of the two police chief members be from one of the state’s three largest cities. Adds, as members, a second member of the Oregon State Fire Fighter’s Council, a second representative of county or state corrections facility collective bargaining units, one representative of a statewide association of community corrections directors, one non-management parole and probation officer employed in community corrections, and a second public member. Requires one of the representatives of county or state corrections facility collective bargaining units to be from the largest bargaining unit of the State Department of Corrections. Changes membership of BPSST policy committees. Adds, as a subcommittee of the board, seven-member Certification Review Committee with authority to process determinations of denial, revocation, or suspension of certification based on failure to meet established standards. Requires Certification Review Committee to establish “fitness for duty” standards. Allows individuals whose certifications were denied or revoked due to discharge for cause to reapply for certification at a later date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Case of individual with lifetime certification revocation
- Re-structure of Board several sessions ago
- Adequacy of current due-process provisions
- Current and proposed procedures in contested cases
- Weight given to previous arbitration decisions in employment discharge cases
- License revocation jurisdiction and procedures in other professions
- Current Board efforts to address concerns

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) consists of 24 Governor-appointed members who represent the broad constituencies that the Department serves. BPSST responsibilities include setting minimum standards for public safety provider service; setting minimum training standards for all levels of professional development; and advising the Director, the Governor, and the Legislative Assembly on public safety needs.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) implements Board’s minimum standards for the recruitment and training of city, county and state police, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, fire service personnel, emergency telecommunicators, and private security providers. DPSST certifies qualified officers from basic through executive levels. DPSST also conducts public safety training throughout Oregon and at the new central academy in Salem, certifies instructors, and accredits training programs throughout the state based on the Board’s standards.

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