

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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| 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: | 4/12 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands definition of police officer under the vehicle code to include law enforcement officer employed by county law enforcement service district.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent court challenges
- Which employees should be included in definition

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Only employees of a county service district who work in a law enforcement service facility are covered by the definition.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, a county service district may construct, maintain, and operate a law enforcement service facility. Employees of these service facilities are not specifically included in the definition of persons authorized to enforce the traffic code. This omission creates ambiguity regarding the authority of service district officers to issue citations for traffic violations. HB 3442 clarifies that employees of a county service district are officers for the purpose of enforcing the traffic code.