

**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:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/5, 5/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates the crime of endangering aircraft in the second degree, which a person commits by knowingly possessing firearm or deadly weapon at Portland International Airport. Expands Port of Portland's policing authority to all property owned, operated, maintained or controlled by the Port of Portland. Declares an emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Clarification that Port of Portland Police are fully trained at the Police Academy
- The Port's duties have expanded
- Need to protect Port employees, customers and the public

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Changes the definition of endangering aircraft in the second degree by (1) removing the term "control" so that it applies only to "possession" of a firearm; (2) replacing "dangerous" with "deadly;" and (3) clarifying that the crime applies only to airports that have two million passenger boardings annually (which effectively means only Portland International Airport).

**BACKGROUND:** Under current law, endangering an aircraft is a Class C felony. This bill updates and labels the current crime as "endangering aircraft in the first degree," which includes throwing objects at an aircraft, discharging weapons toward an aircraft, or tampering with an aircraft. This bill then creates the crime of "endangering aircraft in the second degree," described above, which is a Class A misdemeanor.

This measure also grants policing authority to the Port of Portland over all of its properties. Currently, the Port's policing unit only has authority within the airport and adjoining property. The purpose of the Port is to promote the maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial and industrial interests of the port. The authority of state, county and city law enforcement officers is not limited by this change -- they may still enforce their laws on port properties. The Multnomah County Sheriff, Portland Police Chief and Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police each submitted letters supporting this expansion of port policing authority in the interests of public safety.

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