

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/19, 3/31

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies the definition of parole and probation officers. Provides that retired parole and probation officers are exempt from being prosecuted for unlawful possession of a firearm.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- County discretion to allow parole and probation officers to carry firearms on duty
- Safety of parole and probation officers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Provides that retired parole and probation officers are exempt from being prosecuted for unlawful possession of a firearm.

**BACKGROUND:** HB 2789A does not change current law. There is a city or county that is reading the current statute to define a parole and probation officer as someone who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Standards and been employed for more than a year as a parole and probation officer. That is not the intention of the statute. Adding "or" into the current statute (page 2, line 26) is intended to add further clarification to any public body that might still be confused.

The amendment does make a substantive change to current statute as it adds *retired* parole and probation officers to the list of people who are exempt from ORS.166.250.