

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/6, 4/14, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes a Retired Senior Volunteer Program within the Department of Oregon State Police. Allows a retired state trooper to volunteer and receive health care insurance for themselves and their spouse. Clarifies that a volunteer is only entitled to receive compensable medical services as described in ORS 656.245.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Utilizing expertise of retired troopers
- Training
- Union concerns
- Workers compensation issues
- Not taking jobs from current troopers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that a volunteer is only entitled to receive compensable medical services as described in ORS 656.245.

BACKGROUND: HB 3191A creates a program to allow retired state troopers to volunteer in an official capacity. Volunteers would not be allowed to go on active patrol. Rather the idea is to have retired troopers donate their expertise in positions where there currently isn't the staffing or funding available to have a full-time trooper. One example would be placing a retired trooper in the position of working cold cases as the Oregon State Police do have cold case units established throughout the state.