

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker

Nays: 0

Exc.: Shields

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Meeting Dates: 5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies crime of felon in possession of restricted weapon to include electro-muscular disruption technology (taser).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently ORS 166.270 does not include any electronic stunning devices. Under this measure, a felon in possession of a taser would be charged with a Class A misdemeanor. This measure addresses a growing threat to police officers and the public arising out of the increased availability of the civilian model of the taser. Eight states have passed statutes prohibiting citizens from possessing tasers and similar technologies altogether.