

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 4 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Garrett, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	Cameron, Krieger, Olson, Whisnant
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Adds nonprofit animal care agency that has maintained an investigation department for five years and has had officers commissioned as special agents by the Governor to definition of law enforcement unit for purposes of public safety standards and training. Clarifies that training from Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) will be paid for by animal care agency.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Scope of Humane Society's authority
- Background checks on officers commissioned by the Governor
- Narrow applicability to increased training only
- Radical animal protection groups
- Opposition to Humane Society authority

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Animal agents are commissioned by the Governor under a special limited commission. The Governor's office only commissions public safety officers who have been previously certified by the DPSST. When officers' certification expires, they re-train with DPSST, but are not recertified as public safety officers because DPSST does not have rulemaking authority over Oregon Humane society personnel. SB 303A allows humane society special agents who carry a Governor's commission to be considered police officers and to be recertified by DPSST.