

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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:	4/22, 4/27

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. Clarifies that training from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training will be paid for by the animal care agency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Training paid for by private entity
- Not a police unit

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original bill.

BACKGROUND: Animal agents are commissioned by the Governor under a special limited commission. They are certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) as a condition of their commission; however, because they are not employed by a law enforcement unit they are not eligible to obtain police certification or maintain certification. SB 303A allows humane special agents who carry a Governor's commission to be considered police officers for purposes of DPSST statutes. The training is required to be paid for by the animal care agency.