

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. G. Smith  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Girod

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 21 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields

Nays:

Exc: G. Smith

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 18, 2009

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** The bill authorizes the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to commission special campus security officers to be known as university police. University police officers would have all the powers and authority given by statute to peace officers and police officers of this state with the exception of the ability to carry arms. The bill requires university police officers to be trained and certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training at the expense of OHSU. This new classification and training would enable university police officers to respond to emergencies, investigate crimes, submit requests for warrants to judges and prepare cases for prosecutors. The bill also specifies that OHSU is a criminal justice agency and a law enforcement unit.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Possibility of granting Oregon University System the same authority

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

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) currently has campus security officers who have the ability to arrest individuals without warrant. They are also trained and certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. (DPSST). SB 658A broadens the authority and grants all the powers and authority of peace officers and police officers of the state with the exception of the ability to carry firearms. SB 658A is a result of the OHSU Task Force that was convened to assess the readiness of OHSU to an “active shooter” incident on campus like that of Virginia Tech.