

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 4 - 1 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: Boquist
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires reimbursement from a subsequent employing agency that requires the same training as the original agency that paid for the public safety training. Requires 100% reimbursement if a police officer or deputy sheriff voluntarily leaves within one year, 66% if within one to two years, 33% if within two to three years. No reimbursement if more than three years. Requires 100% reimbursement if corrections officer or parole and probation officer voluntarily leaves within 10 months, 66% if more than 10 but less than 20 months, 33% if more than 20 but less than 30 months. No reimbursement is required after 30 months. The original agency can agree to waive reimbursement. Reimbursement of training costs is not allowed to be taken into consideration for employment decisions. Effects those who begin training after Jan 1, 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Whether there should be an emergency exception
- Difficulty in predicting how often reimbursements would occur

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND: Small communities pay to train public safety officers and find that retention of officers is difficult because small communities cannot pay the same level of salary that a larger community can pay. SB 971A seeks to recoup some of the expense of training an officer in the event the officer voluntarily leaves employment and is employed by another agency that requires the same training.