

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 3 - 0
Yeas:	Garrett, Hicks, Olson, Schaufler, Wand, Barker, Krieger
Nays:	Nolan, Tomei, Whisnant
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/10, 6/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows State Board of Higher Education (Board) to authorize university under its control to establish police department and employ police officers. Permits such department and officers to enforce Board's or university's administrative rules and policies in addition to criminal laws. Requires university and police department to establish process to address policing grievances. Permits Board to make agreement, or to authorize university to make agreement, with other entities for mutual aid. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and length of process up to this point
- Investment and commitment of university and university community to make transition
- Oregon universities being the exception among comparable campus communities
- "Community policing" as policing ideal in any community; model particularly suited to campuses
- Difference in priorities between city police and campus police; limited city police resources
- Duplication of efforts between city and campus police
- Increase in on-campus police presence and availability
- Importance of first responders

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Although many public safety employees of universities are experienced law enforcement officers, they are not currently required to be state-certified as police officers. Senate Bill 405 A would permit universities to develop on-campus police agencies that employ fully-certified officers, with the same training and authority as other police officers.