## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee on Judiciary** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/8, 4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts from private security professional certification requirements any person who provides security services as a volunteer at an event operated for the benefit of a nonprofit or federally tax exempt corporation. Exempts from private security professional certification requirements any student enrolled in a community college while engaged in non-confrontational activities that contribute to campus safety under the supervision of a law enforcement or private security professional. Requires these students to undergo a criminal background check. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

MEASURE: SB 635 A CARRIER: Sen. Prozanski

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Definition of de minimis
- Music fairs as an archetypal example of the applicability of the proposed legislation
- Campus policing efforts and the use of student volunteers to spot situations in progress

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Adds an exception for students enrolled in community colleges and working in non-confrontational activities contributing to campus safety.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 181.875 outlines the qualifications for private security professionals. These individuals are subject to a range of requirements including the completion of training requirements approved by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training. ORS 181.871 details the classes of individuals exempted from this training requirement, which includes but is not limited to attorneys, insurance adjusters and persons performing security services at a facility regulated by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Senate Bill 635 A adds two exemptions to ORS 181.871. First, an exemption for persons who provide security services as a volunteer for an event operated for the benefit of a not-for-profit corporation. Second, an exemption for students enrolled at community colleges as that term is defined by ORS 341.005 who are engaged in non-confrontational activities that contribute to campus safety under the supervision of a law enforcement or private security professional certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, provided the community college has conducted a criminal background check on the student. These student volunteers would serve to perform facilities and grounds checks and would act as "eyes on the ground" who would notify fully certified security professionals as to the development and character of any situation that require their attention. They would not be permitted to serve as law enforcement personnel or to engage in confrontational peacekeeping activities.