

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Berger, Beyer, Esquivel, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Kotek, Olson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/16, 2/20, 2/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits employment of retired state police officers to enforce tobacco laws. Establishes State Police Tobacco Law Enforcement Fund. Authorizes Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to apply for public and private moneys for Department of State Police (DSP) to use to that end. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Desire to take advantage of substantial available federal grant funds, conditioned on targeting sale and distribution of tobacco to minors
- Scope of law enforcement duties

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Restates enforcement focus. Modifies requirements that DSP and OHA consult periodically “to maximize program qualification.”

**BACKGROUND:** Law enforcement agencies are in a difficult position, having to prioritize resources as efficiently as possible in difficult economic circumstances, and enforcement of tobacco laws is diminished alongside other important public safety issues that need attention. According to statistics offered by the American Lung Association, where tobacco use is concerned, Oregon’s teens may be backsliding and smoking more instead of less, compared to the national trend. House Bill 4172A establishes a fund for receipt of potential federal grant monies, which are conditioned on being used to enforce laws that discourage tobacco use by minors.