

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Close, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: Dingfelder

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands authority of Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) police department to have all the authority of a municipal police department. Requires creation of a complaint process. Authorizes mutual aid agreements with other police departments. Authorizes rulemaking. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Boutique police departments
- Ability to communicate with other departments
- Unique environment of OHSU
- Current response time

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds the OHSU police department to the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) to make them similar to police officers who are commissioned by a university under ORS 238.005(19)(f).

BACKGROUND: OHSU gained the authority to have a police department in the 2009 session but without the authority for officers to carry guns. Senate Bill 565 A removes the prohibition on guns and removes limitations on OHSU authority under ORS 353.050(16) and expands the authority to be similar to a city police department.