

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 8 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Barker
Nays: 0
Exc.: Williamson
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Meeting Dates: 4/10

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:

- Topography of OHSU
- Response time
- Challenges of hospital environment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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. A study of the challenges of the OHSU campus determined that officers should be armed or OHSU should hire armed guards. OHSU concluded arming officers was more cost effective.