

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) has jurisdiction to proceed with a denial of training or certification against a public safety officer, even if the officer has left police work, if the department has issued a notice to deny training or certification and the officer has requested a hearing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- If a police officer who is not yet certified by DPSST has an issue before DPSST relating to his or her conduct as a police officer
- If department employing the officer terminates the officer, the officer does not have the right to a hearing before DPSST
- Only police officers have rights to hearing and person is no longer an officer.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Public Safety Standards and Training is required to establish by rule reasonable minimum standards for physical, emotional, intellectual moral fitness for public safety officers. The Board is also required by rule to set the minimum training requirements for public safety officers. (ORS 181.640). A “public safety officer” includes a corrections officer, a youth corrections officer, emergency medical dispatcher, parole and probation officers, police officers, certified reserve officers, emergency telephone workers and fire service professionals.

The DPSST , with written notice and a hearing, may revoke or suspend the certification of any “public safety officer” for such things as a criminal conviction or not completing training.