

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Close, Dembrow, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/19, 2/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a corrections officer employed by the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) to possess a weapon in the officer's personal vehicle when the vehicle is in a DOC parking lot if: (1) The officer is present in his or her official capacity; (2) He or she has a valid Oregon concealed handgun license; (3) The weapon is in a locked container, including the glove compartment or trunk, inside the vehicle; and (4) The department does not provide a secured location. Requires the officer to keep his or her firearm in the secured location if one is available. Applies 91 days after adjournment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety of officers traveling to and from work
- Not an employment issue

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows a Corrections officer to keep a firearm in locked trunk, glove box or other locked container if the department does not provide a secure locked location. Applies 91 days after adjournment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, a corrections officer cannot keep a firearm in his or her vehicle while on Department of Corrections' property even if the officer has a concealed firearm permit. This is a matter of department policy.