

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Judiciary

MEASURE: HB 2431
CARRIER: Rep. Krieger

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/17/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/17

House

Yeas: 8 - Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Williamson, Olson, Post, Sprenger, Lininger

Exc: 1 - Barker

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Department of Oregon State Police to adopt rules addressing physical examination of state police candidates. Applies to physical examinations administered on or after the effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current United States Army test, including relevance and age
- Oregon fail rate using current test is 45%
- Reasons candidates fail current test
- Flexibility bill provides in choosing appropriate physical exam
- Need and desire to keep physical standards high
- Consequence of excellent candidates just barely passing current exam
- Department of Public Safety Standards & Training's test
- Peace Officer Physical Ability Test
- Legal defensibility of physical exams

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, United States Army standards are used to evaluate the physical fitness of Department of Oregon State Police (OSP) candidates. This test has been used for decades and is accordingly considered outdated.

House Bill 2431 allows OSP to create its own physical examination standards, which in turn allows them to adopt a standard that is potentially more relevant and up-to-date. House Bill 2431 only applies to physical examinations administered on or after its effective date.