

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/29/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/29

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Burdick, Gelser, Kruse, Prozanski, Thatcher

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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:

- Search for more relevant physical examination standards
- Other types of tests and industry standards
- The Cooper Institute – special test designed for law enforcement
- Department of Public Safety Standards and Training work with
- Department of Justice and Royal Canadian Mounted Police to update tests
- Career Fitness Standards
- National discussions of fitness for duty

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 This test has been used for decades and is accordingly considered outdated.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.