

**HB 2594 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows nonimmigrant lawfully in United States under Compact of Free Association to serve as member of State Police, police officer, certified reserve officer, corrections officer or parole and probation officer.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The United States has entered into agreements of free association with three Pacific Island nations: the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of the Marshall Islands. These agreements allow citizens of these three nations to enter the United States as nonimmigrants.

Oregon law sets forth the qualifications to serve as a member of the State Police, police officer, certified reserve officer, corrections officer or parole and probation officer. One of those requirements is that a person must be a citizen of the United States. House Bill 2594 would amend existing law to allow nonimmigrants who are lawfully admitted to the United States pursuant to a Compact of Free Association to serve in these law enforcement positions.