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TO: Senate Judiciary Committee
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FROM: Linsay Hale, Professional Standards Division Director

SUBJECT: House Bill 2294

Summary: This bill has been filed on behalf of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board), in consultation with the Corrections, Fire, Police and Telecommunications Policy Committees and upon the recommendation of a multi-disciplined Workgroup established by the Board to review the standards relating to the denial and revocation of public safety certification in Oregon.

ORS 181A.375 establishes five discipline-specific policy committees to develop policies, requirements, standards and rules relating to its specific public safety disciplines for the consideration of the Board. These policy committees include: the Corrections Policy Committee; Fire Policy Committee; Police Policy Committee; Telecommunications Policy Committee; and Private Security Policy Committee. Membership of each of these policy committees is also established in this statute.

With the exception of the Private Security Policy Committee, the public is not represented on these bodies which prevents the general citizenry from having a voice with respect to recommending policies, requirements, standards and rules relating to the public safety disciplines to the Board. (Membership of the Private Security Policy Committee does include a public member.)

Effect of HB 2294 on the DPSST: HB 2294 adds one person who represents the public to each of the Corrections, Fire, Police and Telecommunications Policy Committees and clarifies the membership of the public representative on the Private Security Policy Committee. These public members must not have ever been employed or utilized in the public safety discipline represented by the policy committee on which they serve and must not be related by blood or marriage to an individual who has been or is currently employed or utilized in a public safety discipline represented by the policy committee on which they serve. There is no substantive fiscal impact anticipated should HB 2294 pass.

Bill History: HB 2294 received a unanimous "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee on February 8, 2017. The House approved HB 2294 on February 13, 2017 in a unanimous vote by all attending. (Ayes, 58; Excused, 1)