

LC 743 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires peace officer engaged in official duties to wear white or light blue shirt and navy pants unless participating in undercover operations or as a member of a SWAT or CERT unit. Prohibits peace officer from wearing visible tactical vest unless participating in undercover operations or as a member of a SWAT or CERT unit. Requires peace officer engaged in official duties to prominently display their first and last name, badge number, or other identifying information as well as information sufficient to identify the officer's employer on their uniform. Directs peace officer engaged in official crowd control duties to prominently display their last name, badge number, or other identifying information as well as the words "police" or "law enforcement" on their uniform. States conditions under which uniform lettering must be legible. Directs peace officer performing official duties to provide their name and badge number to member of the public upon request unless engaged in undercover operations. Provides that failure of officer to comply with requirements to display and provide identifying information constitutes official misconduct in the second degree. Requires law enforcement vehicle, other than vehicle engaged in undercover operations, to display unique identifying number on the front, back, top, and sides of the vehicle. Provides conditions under which numbering must be visible. Requires the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to assign an identifying number to each police officer that DPSST certifies. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Current Oregon law does not set standards for peace officer uniforms or identification requirements. Instead, decisions regarding uniforms, vehicle designs, and identification policies are left to individual agencies. Additionally, there is no statutory requirement that the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) issue an identifying number to each officer, though DPSST does issue such number as per agency rule.

Legislative Concept 743 provides standardized uniform and identification requirements for peace officers.