

## **SB 187 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Workforce**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Includes current and future judicial marshals in category of police officer for purposes of Public Employees Retirement Benefit System (PERS). Excludes previously retired judicial marshals from inclusion as police officer for purposes of PERS. Takes effect on 91st day following sine die.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Difference in PERS benefits for law enforcement and non-law enforcement
- Comparison of marshals' duties to traditional law enforcement
- Importance of courthouse security

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2007, the Legislative Assembly enacted ORS 1.1777 mandating certain safety requirements in state court facilities. In 2012, the Legislative Assembly designated staff who provide physical security in state court facilities as either judicial security marshals or judicial security personnel. As a result, judicial security were authorized to obtain law enforcement training from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). In 2015, the Legislative Assembly designated the marshals as "peace officers" which authorized them to lawfully exercise certain powers, such as detaining individuals, subject to the personnel rules and policies established by the Chief Justice. But the Legislative Assembly also clarified that despite being peace officers, judicial marshals were not "police officers" for the purposes of the public employment retirement system (PERS). Senate Bill 187 provides that judicial marshals certified by DPSST qualify as police officers under PERS.