

HB 3338 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits police officers commissioned by a public university in a city with a population exceeding 150,000 from carrying firearms outside designated police headquarters. Takes effect 91 days after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Public institutions in Oregon may elect to form campus police. The University of Oregon, Oregon Health & Science University, and Portland State University have armed police departments. As allowed by statute, the State Board of Higher Education may, at the request of a public institution under its control, authorize the institution to establish a police department and commission one or more employees as police officers. A police department established under this section has all of the authority and immunity of a municipal police department of this state.

House Bill 3338 limits the authority of campus police officers from carrying firearms outside of designated areas.