

HB 2204 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 3/21, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Office of Emergency Management to study and make recommendations regarding possible improvements to operations of Office. Requires Office to submit report on findings by January 1, 2021.

NOTE - THIS IS PLACEHOLDER LANGUAGE - SEE "EFFECT OF AMENDMENT" BELOW

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role that reserve officers play in law enforcement agencies
- Comparison of training for reserve officers and regular officers
- Funding for training reserve officers
- Role of Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
- Most likely sources of recruits for reserve officers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces original measure. Directs Criminal Justice Commission to establish a pilot program to award a grant to a law enforcement agency or local government to fund the creation and operation of a reserve officer training academy. Specifies that academy must operate for at least two years, and must complete at least one complete training program each year it is open. Stipulates that Commission must award grant no later than July 1, 2020. Directs Commission to report to Legislative Assembly committee on emergency preparedness by September 15, 2022. Sunsets January 1, 2025. Appropriates \$500,000 to the Criminal Justice Commission for grant. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's mission is to "improve the legitimacy, efficiency, and effectiveness of state and local criminal justice systems." The Commission provides a centralized and impartial forum for statewide policy development and planning, develops a long-range public safety plan for the state; analyzes capacity and use of prisons and jails; funds and evaluates Oregon drug courts; conducts research; develops fiscal and racial/ethnic impact estimates for legislation; provides a statistical and data clearinghouse for criminal justice; administers Oregon felony sentencing guidelines; and staffs the Public Safety Task Force.