

SB 424 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires law enforcement agencies to establish a mental health wellness policy for addressing mental health wellness issues related to law enforcement officers of that agency. Defines law enforcement agency as a city or municipal police department, a county sheriff's office, the Oregon State Police, or a university police department.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Several studies, including the Buffalo Cardio-Metabolic Occupational Police Stress (BCOPS) study and work built upon its findings, show that law enforcement officers have higher stress levels than the general population and correspondingly higher levels of stress-related diseases.

Senate Bill 424 requires law enforcement agencies to establish mental health wellness policies relating to police work.