

## HB 2204 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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**Action Date:** 04/02/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 7-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Wilde, Zika

**Nays:** 1 - Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/21, 4/2

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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 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.

#### 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 to serve as reserve officers

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's (CJC) mission is to improve the legitimacy, efficiency, and effectiveness of state and local criminal justice systems. The CJC 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 of legislation; provides a statistical and data clearinghouse for criminal justice; administers Oregon felony sentencing guidelines; and staffs the Public Safety Task Force.

A reserve officer is defined as an officer or other member of a law enforcement unit who is a volunteer or is employed less than full-time as a peace officer, is armed with a firearm, and who is responsible for enforcing the criminal laws and traffic laws of the state or laws and ordinances relating to airport security. There are currently more than 500 reserve officers serving communities throughout Oregon, primarily with city and county law enforcement.