

HB 4201 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Joint Committee On The First Special Session of 2020

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Action Date: 06/25/20

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 7 - Burdick, Frederick, Girod, Knopp, President Courtney, Prozanski, Thatcher

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Bynum, Drazan, Holvey, Lewis, Salinas, Speaker Kotek, Stark

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 6/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Proclaims that Black Lives Matter and details current and historic experiences of Black and other Persons of Color interactions with law enforcement officers. Establishes the Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform. Identifies required legislative members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. Authorizes committee to meet, act, and conduct business during Legislative Assembly or any recess thereof. Identifies voting requirements. Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office Director to provide support of committee functions. Specifies the committee objectives relating to transparent policing and use of force reform.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for oversight in police use of force investigations
- Disparate impact of use of force by police on communities of color
- Independent and transparent investigations
- Policy discussions need to include public voices

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, a law enforcement agency is required to follow established policies created by the agency in compliance with ORS 181A.780 when responding to a fatality caused by an officer's use of deadly force. This policy must be submitted and approved by the office of the Attorney General of Oregon and publicized on the Oregon Department of Justice's website. Currently, a law enforcement agency must designate a lead investigator employed by an agency other than the agency employing the officer under investigation for the use of force.

House Bill 4201-A Establishes the Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform to meet specific objectives relating to transparent policing and use of force reform.