

HB 2306 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 2/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires a law enforcement agency to designate a police oversight board composed of public members with diverse perspectives to provide annual review of the policies of the law enforcement agency and report to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training on the review.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Many cities in Oregon authorize citizen review boards to review police complaints and investigations of police complaints. In most cases, the findings or recommendations of the review board are not binding or do not change the outcome of a completed investigation. Most review boards are located in city codes or charters and not in statute.

House Bill 2306 requires law enforcement agencies to designate police oversight boards. The boards must be composed of public members with diverse perspectives. The boards are charged with undertaking an annual review of the policies of the law enforcement agencies and report to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training on the review.