

HB 2986 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to ensure all police officers and certified reserve officers receive training related to investigating, identifying and reporting crimes motivated by prejudice based on perceived gender of the victim.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Preparing the police to protect all Oregonians, especially those who may be disproportionately targeted based on identity
- Requesting assistance from the police in domestic violence situations
- Increased violence nationally against transgender and gender nonconforming populations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The minimum statewide qualifications for employment as a law enforcement officer are established in rule by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). The rules specify that all law enforcement officers must receive training on the investigation, identification and reporting of crimes motivated by prejudice based on perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation or beliefs, membership or activity in or on behalf of a labor organization or against a labor organization, physical or mental disability, age, economic or social status or citizenship of the victim (see OAR 259-008-0085(1)(b)(E)).

House Bill 2986 adds a requirement for training related to investigating, identifying and reporting crimes motivated by prejudice based on perceived gender of the victim.