

SB 204 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

Action Date: 03/16/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 3 - Heard, Linthicum, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds civilian oversight agencies or review bodies to the definition of "criminal justice agency" if those agencies or review bodies are designated by a municipality or law enforcement agency to perform duties related to investigating allegations of officer misconduct or reviewing police policies and practices.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Accessing the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) by auditor's office
- Improving the efficiency and quality of investigations regarding alleged police officer misconduct
- Public confidence in public oversight bodies

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes language regarding citizen review bodies and replaces it with civilian oversight agencies or review bodies designated by a municipality or law enforcement agency in performing duties related to investigating allegations of officer misconduct or reviewing police policies and practices.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 181A.010 defines "criminal justice agency." Agencies that qualify as a criminal justice agency are permitted to retrieve criminal justice information from Oregon's Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) (ORS 181A.280).

Senate Bill 204 A expands the definition of "criminal justice agency" to include civilian oversight agencies or review bodies designated by a municipality or law enforcement agency.