

SB 808 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr

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

Action Date: 04/13/21
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 4-2-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski
Nays: 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher
Exc: 1 - Heard
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/7, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends definition of peace officer in ORS 133.005 to include regulatory specialists exercising authority described in ORS 475B.025 or 475B.299. Declares emergency effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 133.005 defines peace officers to include regulatory specialists. These are employees of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) who are exercising their authority to conduct inspections or investigations, make arrests or seizures, aid in prosecution for offenses, or issuing citations for violations of laws associated with production, sale, and regulation of alcohol. Regulatory specialists are prohibited from carrying a firearm. Since the legalization of recreational marijuana in Oregon, the OLCC must administer and carry out provisions relating to the regulation of the marijuana industry and a new designation of regulatory specialist is given authority to enforce marijuana-related laws. Marijuana regulatory specialists are also prohibited from carrying firearms.

Senate Bill 808 A adds the new marijuana specific regulatory specialists exercising authority under ORS 475B.299 to the definition of peace officers.