

SB 808 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On General Government

Carrier: Rep. Zika

Action Date: 05/20/21
Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Lively, Valderrama, Wilde, Zika
Exc: 1 - Leif
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 5/18, 5/20

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 measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 133.005 defines peace officers to include regulatory specialists. Under current law, these specialists include 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 issue citations for violations of laws associated with production, sale, and regulation of alcohol. Regulatory specialists are prohibited from carrying a firearm.

The OLCC also regulates recreational marijuana in the state, necessitating a new designation of regulatory specialists who are given authority to enforce marijuana-related laws. Marijuana regulatory specialists are also prohibited from carrying firearms.

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