

## **SB 699 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expands the definition of "public safety officer" to include regulatory specialists (as related to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC)) who would be eligible for an award of benefits from the Public Safety Memorial Fund.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: Indeterminate*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Established by the Legislature in 1999, the Oregon Public Safety Memorial Fund (PSMF) is administered and staffed by DPSST, in conjunction with a Governor-appointed PSMF Board of public safety constituents. The fund provides financial assistance to public safety officers who are permanently and totally disabled as a result of a line of duty injury, and to family members of the public safety officers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty. The PSMF is supported with Criminal Fine Account monies and provides financial assistance to public safety officers who are permanently and totally disabled as a result of a line of duty injury. The fund also provides assistance to family members of public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty. The statutory benefit for a qualifying death or disability is a lump sum payment of \$25,000. Additionally, the six member PSMF Board may award discretionary benefits to assist with mortgage payments, health or dental insurance coverage payments, or higher education scholarships.

"Regulatory specialist" is defined in ORS 471.001 as a full-time employee of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) who is authorized to act as an agent of the commission in conducting inspections or investigations, making arrests and seizures, aiding in prosecutions for offenses, issuing citations for violations and otherwise enforcing this chapter, [other chapters], commission rules and any other statutes the commission considers related to regulating liquor, marijuana or marijuana-derived products.

Senate Bill 699 would allow OLCC regulatory specialists to be eligible for receipt of benefits from the Public Safety Memorial fund.