



February 12, 2025

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Fr: Jeremy Grahn, Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC)  
Re: Support for SB 300 relating to Private Security Entities

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Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

As the Senior Manager of Loss Prevention for Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC), a Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) licensed Executive Manager, current Private Security Entity Representative, and former retail representative for DPSST's Private Security/Investigator Policy Committee, I wish to respectfully submit my support for SB 300.

I have worked in Oregon's Private Security industry for over 15 years and have been responsible for hiring contract security firms to provide security services. Having worked with a number of third-party companies, I have firsthand experience with Private Security Professionals who have received varying degrees of training. I understand and appreciate the need for increasing the standard of training and accountability within Private Security.

In addition to having hired contracted services, I also have ample experience hiring, training and supervising in-house Private Security Professionals. Our in-house Private Security Professionals are obligated to comply with the already high standard of DPSST regulations regarding licensure and standardized training for those employees, irrespective of HB 2527 (2021).

I believe HB 2527 (2021) was well intentioned and does serve to raise the bar for contracted security services, especially on the armed side of the industry. However, its broad scope placed a great deal of undue hardship on businesses – both in terms of cost and logistical challenges to comply with its requirements – that strictly utilize in-house services. Removing these requirements would allow us to better manage resources and direct them toward enhanced training and development of our staff and security services.

SB 300 (and the -2 amendment) is a welcome correction that addresses both of these challenges.

Thank you,

Jeremy Grahn  
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