

SB 576 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Kaylee's Law. Applies limitations to private security professionals and special campus safety officers employed at institutions of higher education. Requires nationwide criminal records checks of all private security providers or special campus security officers serving institutes of higher education. Specifies that private security professionals and special campus safety officers do not have stop and frisk authority. Requires vehicles to be equipped with the institution's choice of global positioning system devices (GPS), video cameras recording scene from vehicle, or a dispatch system that records calls. Requires information obtained from vehicle to be retained for at least 90 days. Requires uniforms be easily differentiated from the uniform of any law enforcement officer certified by Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), including, but not limited to prominent designation of "campus security," school logo or school colors. Requires public universities that employ special campus safety officers to ensure that each officer undergoes psychological testing to determine the officer's fitness to serve as a special campus security officer. Provides restrictions and requirements on campus security vehicles, including clearly identifying the vehicle as campus security, prohibiting the use of red and blue light bars, prohibiting use of ramming bumpers, and prohibiting use of cages. Requires prompt notification to local law enforcement when campus security makes probable cause arrest and prohibits retention of evidence. Allows employment of retirees as special campus security officers without hour limitations as specified in ORS 238.082. Declares emergency, effective on passage. Makes provisions relating to uniforms, vehicles, and employment operative January 1, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's seven public universities are given statutory authority to establish police departments and commission sworn police officers. The universities may also commission special campus security officers who have stop and frisk and probable cause arrest authority, but are not considered police officers and may not carry firearms. Other institutions of higher education utilize private security professionals for security services on campus. These private security professionals are certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and undergo 14 hours of training prior to receiving certification. Private security providers may not use a name that implies a connection to an existing law enforcement agency.

On July 24, 2016, a campus security officer employed by the Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon, kidnapped, sexually assaulted, and killed Kaylee Sawyer. The officer utilized his security vehicle, tools, and uniform to commit his crimes.

Senate Bill 576 A, Kaylee's Law, requires background checks of all individuals employed as campus security, whether as a private security officer on a community college or private campus, or a special campus safety officer on a university campus, to undergo a nationwide criminal records check. The measure also requires campus security vehicles to have GPS, dispatch, or video recording and such data be kept for 90 days. Use of accessories or tools that would confuse with law enforcement are prohibited, such as red and blue light bars, bumpers, and

cages. Additionally, the measure removes the stop and frisk authority of special campus security officers.

PRELIMINARY