

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Imposes certain requirements related to private security providers who contract with institutions of higher education to provide private security services on campus and special campus security officers commissioned by governing boards of public universities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Public Universities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis: Applies limitations to private security professionals and special campus safety officers employed at institutes of higher education. Requires nationwide criminal records checks of all private security providers or special campus security officers serving institutes of higher education. Requires vehicles to have global positioning system device and video cameras. Requires retention of data and video for at least 90 days. Requires uniforms worn by officers conform to rules developed by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Requires DPSST to develop standards 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. Specifies that private security professionals and special campus safety officers do not have stop and frisk authority. Allows employment of retirees as special campus security officers without hour limitations as specified in ORS 238.082.

HECC reports the bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on community colleges and universities. Campuses that employ public safety officers, or contract with private security providers, will have to ensure that uniforms and vehicles will not be easily mistaken for law enforcement. The number and extent of the changes that need to be made is not known at this time and likely vary from campus to campus. In addition, there would be additional costs for GPS devices, video cameras, and body cams for those institutions that are not currently outfitted with these devices. Community colleges and universities currently perform background checks, but not nationwide background checks. The number of additional background checks is unknown.

Public Employees Retirement System and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training do not anticipate a fiscal impact due to this bill.

At this time, all the ramifications of this measure cannot be fully predicted and therefore the fiscal impact cannot be determined.