



What the Bill Does

SB 1567 removes the option for an arbitrator to change or override the discipline decision of a police chief or sheriff when the arbitrator agrees that the misconduct occurred, and that discipline was appropriately applied per a discipline guide. The bill also requires the discipline guide be bargained and contained in a collective bargaining contract. The chief of police, sheriff or employer needs to have all the necessary tools to maintain the highest professional standards, improve public trust, and protect morale.

What the bill does not enable:

- A chief to selectively enforce tougher discipline on certain officers.
- A chief to selectively enforce lesser discipline on certain officers.
- A chief to penalize and punish officers who blow the whistle. This action would be illegal under existing law!

Background:

- Last session, a near identical bill, SB 383A passed unanimously out of the Senate.
- SB 383A was the result of a workgroup where stakeholders agreed on amendments to the bill, including requiring the discipline guide/matrix to be a mandatory subject of bargaining.
- SB 1567 is a near identical re-print of SB 383A with the exception of the Emergency Clause.
- The Emergency Clause is needed so that PPB and the City of Portland can bargain the discipline matrix/guide in their current contract negotiations.
- The Senate Judiciary Committee amended the bill with the -1 amendment further clarifying that the bill only impacts law enforcement officers.

Please Vote "Yes" on SB 1567

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