

SB 621 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 5/4, 5/6, 5/13, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows for provisions of a city charter or ordinance that relate to the establishment of a local community oversight board created to oversee disciplinary matters concerning law enforcement officers to remain valid if the measure was referred to voters on or after July 1, 2020 and a majority of votes were in favor of the measure.

Senate Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation Committee (Aye, Nay, Excused, Absent) 4-3-0-0

Third reading. Carried by Frederick. Passed. Ayes, 20; Nays, 7--Boquist, Heard, Johnson, Knopp, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher; Excused, 3--Gelser, Girod, Thomsen.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After the Portland City Council voted unanimously to refer Ballot Measure 26-217 to the voters on the November 2020 ballot, Portland residents passed the measure. BM 26-217 created a civilian community police oversight board, which will have the authority to conduct investigations and discipline City of Portland police officers. The measure amended the city charter to establish the oversight board with members approved by the City Council (Portland, Or., City Charter chp. 2 art. 10 § 2).

Senate Bill 621 allows for provisions of a city charter or ordinance that relate to the establishment of a local community oversight board created to oversee disciplinary matters concerning law enforcement officers to remain valid if the measure was referred to voters on or after July 1, 2020 and a majority of votes were in favor.