

SB 116 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Kropf

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/24/21

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 8-1-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Bynum, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wilde

Nays: 1 - Wallan

Exc: 1 - Dexter

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits private security providers or entities employing private security providers from possessing or using equipment, vehicles, uniforms, or titles that imply the provider or entity is affiliated with a public or private safety agency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirements on private security providers on campus under Kaylee's Law (Senate Bill 576, 2019)
- Examples of private security provider uniforms that may be confused with law enforcement
- Applicability to providers hired or contracted by local governments
- Rule making process to determine features that might disqualify a uniform or vehicle

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law prohibits private security businesses from using names that imply the entity is, or is affiliated with, an existing law enforcement agency. While special college campus security providers and private security providers on campuses have specific uniform and vehicle requirements and prohibitions, non-campus affiliated private security providers have no uniform or vehicle requirements or prohibitions.

Senate Bill 116 A prohibits the use or possession of equipment, vehicles, uniforms, or titles that imply that a private security provider or private security business is affiliated with a public or private safety agency. The prohibition does not extend to private security providers employed on college campuses or special campus security officers because they are subject to specific requirements in ORS 181A.912.