

SB 1540 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

Action Date: 02/08/22

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Dembrow, Gelser Blouin, Heard, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 2/7, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$2,600,000 to Department of State Police from General Fund for funding of Firearms Instant Check System.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Long backlog for firearm Instant background checks
- Department of State Police reports a need of 17 positions at a cost of \$2.6 million to alleviate background check backlog
- Oregon pawn brokers offer firearm storage for people in the community

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Firearms Instant Check System (FICS) conducts background checks on all persons attempting to purchase a firearm through federally licensed firearms dealers in Oregon. Oregon law governs when these criminal history checks must occur. ORS 166.412. The Department of State Police (Department) is tasked with conducting these background checks.

Senate Bill 1540 appropriates \$2,600,000 to the Department for funding FICS.