

SB 808 A -A7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 5/10, 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline (commission) membership by removing appointing authority of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and leaves those eleven members previously jointly appointed by DPSST and the Attorney General (AG) to be appointed solely by the AG; specifies that public notice for adopting rules is subject to the Administrative Procedures Act. Modifies the calculation for the number of members who are needed to approve commission action from the majority of members to the majority of voting members. Designates the AG as the chair of the commission, in lieu of the commission members electing one person from DPSST and one person from the Department of Justice to serve as co-chairs. Clarifies that reports to the Legislative Assembly are due annually. Modifies the definitions of "law enforcement agency" and "law enforcement officer" for purposes of the measure.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 16; Nays, 12; Excused, 2

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A7 Requires Senate confirmation for appointment of commission members.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Legislative Assembly established the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline (commission) with House Bill 2930 (2021). The purpose of the commission is to establish standards of conduct and discipline so that law enforcement officials throughout the state will be subject to a uniform set of standards. The commission membership has diverse experiences and areas of expertise and is co-chaired by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

Senate Bill 808 A modifies the appointing authority and the chair of the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline and includes clarifying language.