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**To: House Committee On Judiciary**

**From: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)**

**Re: House Bill 2916, Relating to the Fire Policy Committee**

**Summary:** HB 2916 updates the recommending body for the person representing fire instructors on the Fire Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training.

**Background:** The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) certifies and licenses Oregon public and private safety professionals. The agency is governed by the 26-member Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board). The Board is responsible for establishing the training and certification standards required to be met and maintained by 43,000 public and private safety providers throughout the state.

ORS 181A.375 establishes five discipline-specific policy committees that serve to develop policies, requirements, standards, and rules relating to its specific discipline. Each policy committee submits its policies, requirements, standards, and rules to the Board for consideration.

The membership for each of the Board's policy committees is defined in ORS 181A.375. For the Fire Policy Committee, ORS 181A.375 (4)(b)(A) names "One person recommended by and representing a statewide association of fire instructors;" as a member. The previously recognized statewide association of fire instructors, the Oregon Fire Instructor Association (OFIA), no longer exists. The association dissolved around 2017. There are no other statewide instructor associations. Since the dissolution of the OFIA, the person representing fire instructors has been filled based on recommendations from regional fire training associations throughout the state.

**Effect:** HB 2916 amends ORS 181A.375 (4)(b)(A), replacing the outdated recommending body for a person representing fire instructors with a recommending body that reflects current practice. The measure would take effect on January 1, 2026. The measure has no fiscal impact.

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