

February 4, 2025

House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee
900 Court Street NE, HR C
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Hudson and Members of the Committee,

Portland State University supports HB 2556 with the -1 amendment. The PSU Campus Public Safety Office already follows Department of Public Safety Standards and Training guidelines in hiring Public Safety Officers and completes the same background check and psychological screening that is required for our sworn officers.

We look forward to working with Representative Hudson in the legislative session in supporting this bill.

The -1 amendment is technical in nature and establishes parallel language with section 2 (a) of the base bill and existing statute. With the -1 amendment the new language in Section 2(b) says:

"The governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 that commissions special campus security officers under ORS 352.118 to provide security services on campus **shall ensure** background information, including information about disciplinary action, about the special campus security officer from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training before commissioning the officer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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