



PORTLAND
Public Schools



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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

On behalf of Portland Public Schools, I write to share our support for SB 300, which makes some fixes to House Bill 2527 (2021) to modify the definition of a private security entity for the purposes of the licensing requirements that apply to entities who employ private security providers.

SB 300 is a straightforward bill that removes entities, like school districts and ESDs, who have in-house security employees from the licensure requirement and narrows the law to contract or for-hire security firms. This ensures contract and for-hire security providers meet the new licensure requirements outlined by HB 2527 and DPSST rules and in-house employers, such as PPS, will continue to ensure their professionals are certified by DPSST and trained under existing law.

Today, PPS along with other school districts and entities with in-house security professionals ensure professional training and compliance. These professionals are already certified by DPSST. This makes additional entity-level licensure established by HB 2527 (2021) unnecessary and redundant. We support this fix to reduce the additional administrative burden and costs for school districts.

Please support SB 300.

Thank you,

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