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House Republicans support public safety community with passage of bipartisan bills

Several bills reflect contributions from public safety stakeholders to uphold Oregon's high standards

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon House of Representatives today approved several bills that contain measures to strengthen aspects of public safety in the state.

Work on legislation to address accountability and transparency in public safety began with the first special session in 2020, and continued in each subsequent special session, culminating in the proposals that passed out of the House Judiciary Committee with bipartisan support and were approved by a majority of lawmakers today.

Events in 2020 put a tremendous strain on Oregon police and sheriff departments as they deftly navigated the challenge of upholding the public's right to demonstrate, while protecting the safety and security of communities that experienced routine cases of vandalism.

These new measures expand on Oregon's history of requiring additional hours of training and programs that promote the philosophy of community policing that go far beyond what other states currently have in place.

"I am thankful for our public safety community and their contributions to these measures," said House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby.) "In Oregon, we already hold our officers to the highest standards. These measures expand on this expectation to ensure that we have the finest public safety standards in the nation that produce fair and equitable law enforcement to keep all Oregonians safe."

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