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Olson Carries COFA Law Enforcement Bill

Salem, OR – Rep. Andy Olson (R-Albany) carried HB 2594 on the House Floor today. The bill received bi-partisan support and passed unanimously.

Under current statute, all law enforcement personnel in Oregon is required to be a US citizen. HB 2594 expands current law by including non-immigrants that are authorized to enter the United States under the Compact of Free Association (COFA) to become a law enforcement officer.

This is a simple concept, making law enforcement qualifications for COFA Islanders consistent with the current military laws, which allow COFA Islanders to serve.

“Law enforcement is struggling to find qualified candidates,” said Olson. “This bill makes sense for all parties involved.”

HB 2594 received strong support from COFA, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association, and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

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