

**Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline
House Bill 2930 (2021)
Codified ORS 243.812
Initial Report to House Committee on Judiciary
September 1, 2022**

Executive Summary

The Legislative Assembly established the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline (“the Commission”) through House Bill 2930 (2021) (now codified at ORS 243.812). This statute charges the Commission with adopting rules that prescribe uniform standards of conduct and disciplinary standards and procedures, applicable to the Oregon State Police, county sheriffs, and city police officers. The Commission is required to do so no later than October 1, 2022, and the rules adopted by the Commission must, at a minimum, address standards of conduct and discipline regarding: 1) Unjustified or excessive use of physical or deadly force; 2) Sexual harassment; 3) Sexual assault; 4) Assault; 5) Conduct that is motivated by or based on a real or perceived factor of an individual’s race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or homelessness; 6) Moral character; and 7) The use of drugs or alcohol while on duty.

ORS 243.812(2) specifies the makeup of the Commission membership and directs the Attorney General and Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Director to jointly appoint the non-legislative members of the Commission. The Department of Justice (DOJ) and DPSST recruited Commission members in late 2021 and early 2022. The Commission began meeting in March 2022. To meet the October 1 rulemaking deadline, the Commission focused its attention on the above-described priorities established in ORS 243.812.

The Commission voted to authorize staff to file the proposed rules with the Secretary of State at its July 21, 2022, meeting. Commission staff filed the proposed rules as authorized, and the proposed rules were published in the August 1, 2022, Oregon Bulletin. The Commission has scheduled four public hearings to receive public comments on the rules, and is receiving written comments through September 16. The Commission will meet twice in late September to consider public comments, make appropriate revisions, and adopt the rules by the October 1, 2022, deadline.

The full report is available electronically on the Commission’s website (<https://justice.oregon.gov/lesc/>). To receive a paper copy, please request by email to ORLawEnfCommission@doj.state.or.us.