

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
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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. On September 30, 2022, the Commission adopted rules that addressed 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.

The Commission prepared a written guide to the rules that was published on its website and provided to district attorneys, police chiefs, and sheriffs. The Commission’s Executive Director and a co-chair gave two presentations on the standards to law enforcement agencies.

Commission staff requested information from law enforcement agencies on their progress in implementing and applying the standards. Staff sent an electronic survey to 178 law enforcement agencies and district attorneys. Recipients were informed that their responses would become part of this report and be made public. There were 67 responses to the survey.

Commission staff sent an electronic survey to members of the public and organizations that participated in the rulemaking process. Twenty-four individuals and organizations received the survey. This survey asked for recommendations for updating the uniform standards of conduct and the uniform standards of discipline. Recipients were informed that their responses would become part of this report and be made public. There were six responses to this survey.

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