Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline House Bill 2930 (2021) Codified ORS 243.812 Report to House Committee on Judiciary September 1, 2024

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 law enforcement officers. On February 5, 2024, the Commission adopted amendments to OAR 256-001-0005 and OAR 265-005-0001 to conform to amendments to ORS 243.812 made through Senate Bill 808 (2023).

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 Chair gave a presentation on the standards at the Oregon District Attorney's Association Annual Conference on July 24, 2024.

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 40 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.oregon.gov.