

Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline
Codified ORS 243.812
Report to House Committee on Judiciary
September 1, 2026
Executive Summary

The Legislative Assembly established the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline (“the LESC Commission”) in 2021 through House Bill 2930 (now codified at ORS 243.812). This statute charged the Commission with adopting rules that prescribe uniform standards of conduct and disciplinary standards and procedures, applicable to Oregon law enforcement officers. In the 2025-2026 reporting year, the Commission continued its required biennial review of LESC rules, begun earlier in 2025. Commissioners identified these rules for revision:

265-010-0001 Sexual Assault	265-010-0010 Assault
265-010-0015 Unjustified or Excessive Use of Physical or Deadly Force	265-005-0001 Definitions
	265-010-0025 Moral Character

After reviewing stakeholder feedback, workgroups were created for each rule to develop draft revisions for the full Commission’s consideration, approved in March 2026. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was filed in April. Four Public Hearings were held around the state in July 2026, Amendments were adopted by the Commission on August 6, 2026, and became effective August 10, 2026.

The LESC also voted to propose a new rule on “Misuse of Confidential Information” on May 2, 2026. The NPRM will be filed shortly, and we will schedule public hearings and solicit public comment. Finally, the LESC is considering three additional new rules, “Duty to Intervene” and “Duty to Report,” and on Substance Use.

The Commission Chair and Executive Director in the last year met with, delivered LESC trainings or made presentations to the Oregon District Attorney’s Association, Oregon State Sheriff’s Association, Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, the State-Tribal Public Safety Cluster, Eugene Police Department, Oregon State Police, Ashland PD, Association of Oregon Counties, Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors, and Senior leadership of the Department of Corrections.

LESC Staff track progress in implementing and applying LESC Rules for all agencies that employ or discipline officers who are subject to LESC rules, by requesting information through an annual survey sent to Oregon law enforcement agencies, district attorneys, Corrections, Community Corrections agencies, civilian oversight, and relevant city and county officials. There were 90 responses to this survey, summarized in the report. This year we included questions regarding data collecting and tracking capabilities.

Commission staff also sent a survey invitation to 224 community members and organizations that have been involved or expressed interest in the work of the LESC or requested notification. It was available to the general public on the website. However, this year there was only 1 response to this survey.

Future priorities include developing a mission statement, further expanding the types of misconduct addressed by LESC Rules, expanding outreach and training efforts to ensure stakeholder awareness of the standards, recent changes to them, as well as training and guidance on application of the rules.

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 LESC@doj.oregon.gov.