

# Senate Bill 905

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Abolishes Oregon State Police Dignitary Protection Unit. Prohibits state offices or employees from providing personal security and safety services to Governor. Permits law enforcement to respond to specific incidents involving Governor.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to limitations on security; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas the Oregon Department of Administrative Services adopted a human resources policy  
4 on January 6, 2017, that prohibits weapons in the workplace of executive branch employees (State  
5 HR Policy No. 50-010-05); and

6       Whereas under this policy a lawfully issued permit to carry a concealed handgun does not give  
7 an executive branch employee authority to use or carry a handgun in the workplace; and

8       Whereas many who have obtained concealed handgun licenses have done so out of concern for  
9 personal safety, including due to past histories of receiving threats or experiencing violence; and

10       Whereas state employees who seek to maintain personal safety by lawfully becoming concealed  
11 handgun license holders and carrying handguns now cannot continue that level of personal security  
12 in the workplace; and

13       Whereas state employees with concealed handgun licenses who bring handguns into the  
14 workplace now face employment discipline or termination; and

15       Whereas there is one state employee who nevertheless receives around-the-clock security by an  
16 armed security detail and therefore is not exposed to the personal safety risks that other state em-  
17 ployees face as a result of State HR Policy No. 50-010-05; and

18       Whereas that state employee is the Governor, the very same person who directed that State  
19 HR Policy No. 50-010-05 be adopted; and

20       Whereas it is wrongful and hypocritical to order the promulgation of a policy that deprives  
21 lawfully abiding state employees of personal security and safety while maintaining that level of se-  
22 curity and safety for oneself; now, therefore,

23 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

24       **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon State Police Dignitary Protection Unit is abolished.**

25       **(2) No office or employee of the State of Oregon may provide security services to the**  
26 **Governor.**

27       **(3) Nothing in this section prohibits a law enforcement officer from responding to a spe-**  
28 **cific incident that involves the Governor.**

29       **SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **on its passage.**

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