



PCCEP Recommendation

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As approved on February 19, 2021

MEMBERS IN FAVOR

Vote 7-3-1

PCCEP Recommendation on Arbitration Senate Bill 1567.

Thank you for providing this recommendation on Senate Bill 1567. This was a priority of mine and included in my 19 Point Police Reform Action Plan.

Portland City Council unanimously supported Senate Arbitration Bill 1567, introduced by Senator Lew Fredrick, as a priority bill in the 2020 legislative session. Portland City Council supports the People of Color (POC) Caucus and their legislations on police accountability and reform. I am grateful for the leadership and partnership of the POC Caucus in providing meaningful changes to community safety locally and across the state of Oregon.

Senate Bill 1567 would have passed the 2020 session, had there not been a walkout. The legislature passed Senate Bill 1604 in the First Special Session of 2020, in late June. Senate Bill 1604 was previously Senate Bill 1567-A.

Portland City Council provided testimony in support of Senate Bill 1567 in the 2020 Session, and testimony in support of Senate Bill 1604 in the First Special Session of 2020. The bill provides fairer and more predictable disciplinary systems and prevents an arbitrator from overturning the disciplinary decisions of the Chief of Police or Police Commissioner when specific criteria has been met. In order for law enforcement agencies to participate in the disciplinary system allowed by Senate Bill 1604, the discipline guide or matrix must be adopted through



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collective bargaining, thereby allowing both sides to know, understand and negotiate over the terms of discipline.

This legislation provides more consistent expectations around officer conduct and helps in building public trust with law enforcement agencies.

This recommendation is adopted.

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2/22/2021

Adopted: _____

Mayor Wheeler

Date