



Legislation Text

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Item Title & Description:

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A bill for an ordinance clarifying and amending the authority of the Office of the Independent Monitor.

An ordinance clarifying and amending the authority of the Office of the Independent Monitor and expanding the appointment process for the Citizen Oversight Board to include City Council appointments. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 1-30-19.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

Since 2004, Denver has had independent, civilian oversight of the Police and Sheriff Departments. An Office of Independent Monitor (OIM) monitors internal investigations, provides input on discipline, and recommends policies and procedures. A Citizen Oversight Board (COB) evaluates the OIM, makes policy-level recommendations regarding discipline and use of force, and communicates regularly with the community and safety agencies. The COB collected community input over several years on areas of the ordinance where there has been confusion, disagreement on interpretation, and areas that have fallen behind best practices elsewhere. Councilpersons Kashmann, Kniech, and López worked with Legislative Counsel to vet community ideas to improve the ordinance and have proposed changes

summarized below.

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):

§ 2-373, D.R.M.C

Draft Bill Attached?