

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes legislative staff and personal support workers mandatory reporters of abuse of children, elders, and other vulnerable adults. Extends criminal liability protection to those who make reports in good faith.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Proposed (-2) amendments remove legislative staff and legislative volunteers from mandatory reporter requirements. Proposed (-3) amendments add home care workers, as defined in ORS 410.600, to list of mandatory reporters of abuse.

BACKGROUND: Oregon statute specifically lists mandatory reporters of abuse. In 2013, House Bill 2205 included members of the Legislative Assembly in the list of mandatory reporters of elder abuse, effective January 1, 2015. Other mandatory reporters include physicians, dentists, school employees, health care professionals, members of the clergy, attorneys, and child care providers.

Senate Bill 622 adds legislative staff, including employees, volunteers, aides, and assistants to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse, elder abuse, and abuse of developmentally disabled adults, adults receiving mental health treatments, and adults in long term care facilities.