76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2012 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 7 - 3 - 0

Yeas: Hicks, Olson, Schaufler, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger

Nays: Garrett, Nolan, Tomei

Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Bill Taylor, Counsel

Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits a public body from disclosing information that identifies a person as a current or former applicant of a concealed firearm permit unless: (1) Disclosure is made to another public body and is necessary for criminal justice purposes; (2) A court enters an order in a criminal or civil case directing the public body to disclose; (3) The applicant in writing consents to disclosure. Exempts the Judicial Department. Allows the State Police or any other public body to adopt rules relating to the disclosure of information concerning concealed handgun permits prior to the bill's operative date of July 1, 2012. Section one of the bill becomes operative July 1, 2013. Stipulates the ability of the State Police or other public body to adopt rules becomes operative upon the bill's passage.

MEASURE: HB 4045A

CARRIER: Rep. Thatcher

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for privacy versus the public right to know
- Judicial Department does not maintain specific records as it relates to concealed handgun permits but it may
 have in its court case files information that pertains to concealed firearm permits
- Cost to the Judicial Department to determine if any information relating to firearm permits may or may not be present

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The records that sheriffs maintain concerning applications for concealed handgun permits and the issuance of these permits are public records and subject to disclosure. See *Mail Tribune v. Winters*, 236 Or. App. 91 (2010).