

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Whisnant, Macpherson

Nays: 0

Exc.: Read

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Meeting Dates: 1/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes confidential mediation of workplace interpersonal disputes between employees of a public body.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarification that workplace interpersonal mediations are confidential

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In mediation proceedings involving public bodies, any communication and any agreement relating to those proceedings are not confidential except as otherwise made so under Oregon's Public Records provisions set forth in ORS 192.410 to 192.505. This contrasts with mediation involving private parties where the presumption is that communications and any agreement are private. The confidentiality of mediation involving interpersonal disputes between public employees is unclear. HB 2139 clarifies that they are confidential.