

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 5 - 1 - 1
Yeas: Cowan, Gilliam, Kotek, Maurer, Tomei
Nays: Gelser
Exc.: Olson
Prepared By: Andy Smith, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 2/12, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies mandatory child abuse reporting requirement to include situations where there is a *substantial threat* of abuse. Extends civil and criminal immunity to individuals for making voluntary child abuse reports based on reasonable grounds.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Explanation of existing requirement
- Definition of supervision and protection
- Other states' approaches
- Purpose of substantial threat language

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original bill.

BACKGROUND: Public and private officials are required to officially report child abuse under Oregon law (ORS 419B.010). Public or private officials covered by the statute include: physicians (including any intern or resident); dental school employees; licensed practical nurses and registered nurses; employees of the Department of Human Services, State Commission on Children and Families, Child Care Division of the Employment Department, the Oregon Youth Authority, county health departments, community mental health and developmental disabilities programs, county juvenile departments, licensed child-caring agencies, or alcohol and drug treatment programs; peace officers; psychologists; members of the clergy; licensed clinical social workers; optometrists; chiropractor; certified foster care providers (or an employees thereof); attorneys; naturopathic physicians; licensed professional counselors; licensed marriage and family therapists; firefighters and emergency medical technicians; court appointed special advocates; and members of the Legislative Assembly.