74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE:** HB 2635 **CARRIER:**

Rep. Edwards C.

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Business and Labor

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

Do Pass **Action:** Vote: 5 - 0 - 2

> Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Schaufler

Nays:

Exc.: Rosenbaum, Smith P.

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Meeting Dates: 3/2, 3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows an eligible employee to take family leave from work to care for a grandparent or grandchild.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increasing number of families taking care of grandparents and grandchildren for variety of reasons
- Trend of extended families living together or in close proximity
- Purpose of the Oregon Family Leave Act
- Impact of the measure on businesses

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA) requires employers of 25 or more employees to provide their workers with job-protected leave to care for themselves or family members in cases of illness, injury, childbirth, or adoption. HB 2635 expands the definition of a "family member" covered under the OFLA to include a grandparent or a grandchild.