74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Judiciary

MEASURE: CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact	
FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies terminology for persons with disabilities in Oregon law (e.g., changes "disabled persons" to "persons with a disability").

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Standards used by Legislative Counsel to implement HB 3047 (2005)
- Need to update Oregon statutes to reflect proper terminology for persons with disabilities
- Importance of respectful language in legislation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HB 3047 (2005) requires Legislative Counsel (LC) to prepare legislation "that begins the process of using the term 'person with disabilities' in the Oregon Revised Statutes in lieu of 'disabled person' and other terminology that does not put the person before the disability." SB 83 is the product of LC's compliance with HB 3047.