

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Beyer, Kruse, Walker, Burdick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Prozanski
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Meeting Dates:	4/2, 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon law enforcement agencies to have written policies regarding missing persons and to have specific procedures for investigating missing persons. Allows the agency receiving the report to request such information concerning the missing person as: (1) The person's name and any alternative names; (2) The person's date of birth; (3) The person's physical description; (4) The person's blood type; (5) The person's driver license number; (6) The person's social security number; (7) The person's recent photograph; (8) A description of the person's clothing; and (9) The person's telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Requires an agency to forward a DNA sample obtained in missing persons' cases to the State Police. Requires the medical examiner to make reasonable efforts to promptly identify human remains following procedures consistent with standards of the National Association of Medical Examiners. Excludes from the term "unidentified human remains" human remains that are part of an archaeological site or suspected of being Native American. Allows a person or his or her estate to request the destruction of his or her or the decedent's DNA.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Native American remains not effected
- Closure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires Oregon law enforcement agencies to have written policies regarding missing persons and to have specific procedures for investigating missing persons. Requires the agency to consider the standards set by the Oregon Accreditation Alliance. Requires an agency to forward a DNA sample obtained in a missing persons' case to the State Police. Requires the medical examiner to make reasonable efforts to promptly identify human remains following procedures consistent with standards of the National Association of Medical Examiners. Excludes from the term "unidentified human remains" human remains that are part of an archaeological site or suspected of being Native American. Allows a person, or his or her estate, to request the destruction of his or her or the decedent's DNA.

BACKGROUND: On January 9, 2002, Ashley Pond disappeared on her way to school. On March 8, 2002, Miranda Gaddis also disappeared on her way to school. The two girls were friends and lived in the same apartment complex in Oregon City. Later, the remains of both girls were found on the rented property of Ward Weaver. Weaver was later convicted of murdering both girls.