74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE: SB 473 CARRIER:**

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage, Be Referred to the Committee on Elections, Ethics &

Rules then to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote:

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

Nays: 0 Exc.: Flores

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Meeting Dates: 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates felony (Class A, B or C depending on circumstances) of sexual solicitation of minor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Referred to Rules Committee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: SB 473 creates the Class C felony of sexual solicitation of a minor. The elements of the offense are: (1) defendant knowingly solicits; (2) a minor (defined as if defendant believes person under age 18 years, so decoys count); (3) to engage in sexual contact or sexually explicit conduct. The term "solicit" is defined as "to authorize, advise, coerce, command, encourage, entice, induce, invite, persuade or otherwise request." The terms "sexual contact" and "sexually explicit conduct" are defined under existing Oregon law.

If the victim was under age 14 years (or the defendant believed the victim was under age 14), the offense is a Class B felony. If the victim was under age 12 years (or the defendant reasonably believed the victim was under age 12), the offense is Class A felony. SB 473 also places the offense of sexual solicitation within various provisions of Oregon law relating to forfeiture, statutes of limitation, etc.