

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Human Services & Women's Wellness

MINORITY REPORT
MEASURE: SB 571 C
CARRIER: Rep. Olson

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Signers of Minority Report: Representatives Olson and Gilliam

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Meeting Dates: 5/30

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Narrows exceptions to requirement that employers provide smoke-free workplace. Expands definitions of “enclosed area,” “place of employment,” and “public place” for purposes of smoking restrictions. Prohibits smoking within 10 feet of entrances, exits, opening windows and ventilation intakes of public places and places of employment. Diverts funds collected from noncompliance fines from General Fund to Tobacco Use Reduction Account. Enhances fine against employer for failing to provide smoke-free workplace. Allows exceptions for up to 25 percent of hotel rooms, smoke shops, cigar bars and race courses. Specifies effective date as January 1, 2009; effective date for bingo halls is January 2, 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Health and financial effects of second hand smoke
- Impacts on bars, charitable organizations, and Portland Meadows race course
- Accuracy of revenue impact forecasts
- Smoke shops
- Workplace health risks for musicians

EFFECT OF MINORITY AMENDMENT: Makes effective date for bingo halls January 2, 2010. Removes potential conflict with Senate Bill 84.

BACKGROUND: Subject to a number of exceptions, Oregon presently restricts the ability to smoke in “public places” and “places of employment.” Each of these terms is defined by reference to an “enclosed area” with certain characteristics. SB 571 C expands this prohibition on smoking.

SB 571 C eliminates many existing exceptions to the rule that an employer must provide a smoke-free workplace. Under existing law, these exceptions include, but are not limited to certain tobacco stores, bars, restaurants, bingo halls, bowling alleys and lounges. SB 571 C would eliminate all existing exceptions and replace them with four different exceptions: (1) Up to 25 percent of hotel rooms may be designated as smoking rooms; (2) Smoking of noncommercial tobacco products for ceremonial purposes under the federal American Indian Religious Freedom Act; (3) Smoke shops, which can serve alcohol between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; (4) Cigar bars with a maximum capacity of 40 persons; and (5) Race courses, including Portland Meadows.

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