

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 6/1, 6/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides for increased, nonwaivable unitary assessment in methamphetamine-related crimes. Prohibits waiving unitary assessment except in juvenile cases. Directs that proceeds of additional assessment be transferred to counties for administration of substance abuse treatment programs. Clarifies applicability of the Act to crimes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of methamphetamine crimes in communities
- Funding of drug treatment programs
- Judicial discretion
- Number of participants in drug court and partnerships with state agencies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes emergency clause. Prohibits waiving unitary assessment except in juvenile cases. Clarifies that Act applies to crimes committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

BACKGROUND: The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Methamphetamine was charged with coordinating resources to better combat Oregon's methamphetamine epidemic. The use of methamphetamine is a major problem in Oregon. Some estimates place the use as high as one in ten people. Methamphetamine is a highly addictive drug and it takes significantly longer to break the physical dependence upon it than with many other controlled substances.