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FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
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Meeting Dates:	1/28, 2/4, 2/6, 2/9, 2/20, 2/25, 3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds employees of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) directly involved in investigations and discipline to the definition of public or private officials that must report child abuse. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Limiting TSPC employees required to report child abuse to those directly involved in discipline process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits child abuse reporting responsibility to employees of the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) directly involved in TSPC investigations or discipline.

BACKGROUND: ORS 419B.010 provides that public or private officials shall immediately report or cause a report to be made if there is reasonable cause to believe a child with whom the official comes into contact has suffered abuse or that any person with whom the official comes into contact has abused a child,. Under ORS 419B.015, that report must be made to the Department of Human Services, the person designated by the Department of Human Services, or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact.

HB 2063-A adds to the definition of “public or private official” in ORS 419B.005, employees of the Teacher Standard and Practices Commission (TSPC) directly involved in investigations or discipline conducted by the commission.