

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies sex offender reporting procedures. Clarifies where sex offender may report.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Current statute states in broad terms that “the agency or official to whom a person reports. . . shall complete a sex offender registration form concerning the person. . .” However, related statutes do not explicitly require the offender to provide information such that the agency could fill out the proper forms. As a result, an offender may “report” and yet refuse to provide information or simply hand over a business card and leave. This conduct threatens the accuracy of the registration information and presents a possible issue at any subsequent trial for failure to register as a sex offender.

HB 2169A adds language clarifying any ambiguity as to who is responsible for providing the information that goes into a registration form. It states, “The person required to report shall: (A) Provide the information necessary to complete the sex offender registration form and sign the form as required.” The measure also provides that the offender will be photographed annually and that fingerprints will be taken if the offender is not already in the Department of State Police file.

This measure brings Oregon into partial compliance with the Walsh Act, adopted by the federal government in 2006. The Act requires an offender to provide more information during registration than is required under current Oregon law. By requiring an offender to provide “the information necessary to complete the sex offender registration form. . .” it will be easier for Oregon to conform to the registration requirements set forth by the Act. The Sex Offender Unit within the State Police has indicated that it will be able to redraft the forms used for registration to address this issue in the future.