## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2171 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Whisnant

**House Committee on Judiciary** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Rescind Subsequent Referral to Ways and

Means.

**Vote:** 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker

**Nays:** 0 **Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/3, 3/9, 4/16

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows for prosecution for failure to report as a sex offender following change of address in either the county in which person previously reported or the county in which person now resides. Deletes the original bill and clarifies when an offender is required to report.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Venue
- Prosecution of failure to register cases
- Need to clarify where an offender must report

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes the original bill and clarifies when an offender is required to report.

**BACKGROUND:** There are loopholes in the current reporting statute that can make it difficult to prosecute charges of failing to register as a sex offender when the allegation is a change of residence. The issue concerns where an offender must report that change and venue problems that arise because of lack of clarity in the statute. HB 2171A simply clarifies that when an offender makes a change in residence the offender must report both the move and their new address. This is another measure that relates to bringing Oregon into partial compliance with the Walsh Act.