

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, J. Smith, Stiegler, Barker, Whisnant
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/19, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates provisions relating to venue for criminal prosecutions involving stalking or violations of a court stalking order. Provides that where violations of a stalking order have occurred in multiple counties, the incidents may be tried together in one of the counties where the violation occurred. Authorizes prosecution for a stalking violation in either the county in which the violation occurred or the county where the stalking order was filed.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Venue
- Efficient use of court time
- Cost of trying repeated violations separately

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Provides that where violations of a stalking order have occurred in multiple counties, the incidents may be tried together in one of the counties where the violation occurred. Authorizes prosecution for a stalking violation in either the county in which the violation occurred or the county where the stalking order was filed.

BACKGROUND: ORS 131.315 sets forth venue provisions for many different crimes. House Bill 2340A creates a new provision dealing with the prosecution of stalking charges and violations of court stalking protective orders. The amendment clarifies the bill and provides that if contacts constituting stalking occur in more than one county, a criminal prosecution may be held in *any* county where a contact occurred. Thus, if defendant stalked a victim in more than one county, all the incidents could be prosecuted together, rather than having separate trials in each of the different venues.