

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/26, 4/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates crime of felony strangulation. Adds felony strangulation list of crimes in ORS 131.125 that have extended statutes of limitations.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure
- Effect of amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Adds felony strangulation to list of crimes in ORS 131.125 that have extended statutes of limitations.

**BACKGROUND:** Strangulation is currently a Class A misdemeanor. This measure modifies ORS 163.187 to allow for felony prosecution in the following circumstances: The crime is committed in the immediate presence of a child; the crime involved the use or threat of a dangerous weapon; the offender has previously been convicted of strangulation; the offender has been convicted of assaulting the same victim previously; or the offender has three previous assault convictions. Felony strangulation would likely be a 6 on the sentencing grid block, the same as felony assault in the fourth degree, a comparable statute that enhances sentencing for misdemeanor assaults committed in the presence of a child. House Bill 2447A also extends the statute of limitations for felony and misdemeanor strangulation.