75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 3271 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Stiegler

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: 8 - 1 - 1

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

Nays: Shields Exc.: Whisnant

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/17, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases penalty for harassment under certain circumstances when a person subjects the victim to alarm by conveying a threat to inflict serious physical injury against the victim or victim's family or to commit a felony against the person or property of the victim or victim's family. Clarifies when the conduct is elevated to a Class C felony.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies when the conduct is elevated to a Class C felony.

BACKGROUND: This measure would elevate the conduct in ORS 166.065 (1)(c) to a Class A misdemeanor (as opposed to a Class B) for first offenses. Harassment under ORS 166.065 (1) would be a Class C felony IF the person had a previous conviction for harassment under section (1)(c) against the same victim or member of the victim's family; the person believed the victim was under 18 and the victim was protected by a restraining order naming the defendant; or the person conveyed a threat to kill the victim or member of victim's family, the person expressed the intent to follow through with the threat and a reasonable person would believe the threat was real.