

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/21, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases penalty for harassment under certain circumstances. Creates the crime of aggravated harassment. Creates the crime of vehicular homicide. Extends the amount of time for seeking reimbursement from person committed to a local correctional facility.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes the penalty for the main bill to a Class A misdemeanor. Creates the crime of aggravated harassment as knowingly propelling saliva, blood, urine semen or feces or other dangerous substance at a staff member defined under ORS 163.165 or public safety officer, as a Class C Felony. Creates the crime of vehicular homicide defined as causing the death of another person while having a suspended license resulting from a criminal offense as a Class C Felony. Extends the amount of time a county or city has to seek reimbursement from a person committed to a local correctional facility to six years.

BACKGROUND: HB 3271 B elevates the penalties for harassment from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor if: The perpetrator had a previous conviction for harassment and the victim is the same as in the original offense or a family member of the victim of the original offense; the victim is protected by a stalking order; the victim is under 18 years and more than three years younger than the perpetrator; or the perpetrator threatened to kill the victim or a family member. It also clarifies that the crime occurs either in the county where the threat originated or was received.

In addition, HB 3271B creates the crime of aggravated harassment as knowingly propelling saliva, blood, urine semen or feces or other dangerous substance at a staff member defined under ORS 163.165 (corrections officer, youth authority staff member or volunteer) or public safety officer (emergency medical technician, firefighter, parole or probation or police officer), as a Class C Felony.

Also, HB 3271B creates the crime of vehicular homicide defined as causing the death of another person while having a suspended license resulting from a criminal offense as a Class C Felony.

Lastly, HB 3271B extends the amount of time a county or city has to seek reimbursement from a person committed to a local correctional facility from one year to six years.

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