

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 2  
**Yeas:** Berger, Edwards C., Gelser, Nolan, Read, Roblan  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Garrard, Jenson  
**Prepared By:** Jerry Watson, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 6/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires person who is at least 15 years of age and convicted of murdering a pregnant victim (under ORS 163.115(1)(a)), where person knew the victim was pregnant, be sentenced to life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole, or life imprisonment. Establishes procedures related to sentencing. Classifies crime of assault in second degree as assault in first degree if defendant knows victim is pregnant. Amends ORS 163.160 to classify crime of assault in the fourth degree as Class C felony if person knows victim is pregnant.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Penalty for murder of a pregnant woman
- Means of prosecuting

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces provisions related to crime of murder.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 3505-A was introduced following the death of 21-year-old Heather Snively of Clackamas County, who was eight months pregnant when she was murdered on June 5, 2009. The accused killer allegedly murdered Snively and removed her baby from her womb. The baby boy did not survive. The measure, as introduced, seeks to increase penalties for an attack on or killing of a pregnant person.