

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

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

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds victim of human trafficking to individuals eligible to participate in Address Confidentiality Program of Department of Justice. Defines victim of human trafficking. Provides rulemaking authority to Attorney General, with special reference to “severe forms of trafficking” under 22 United States Code (USC) 7102.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon prosecutions for human trafficking
- Scope of Attorney General’s rulemaking authority

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon has an Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), administered by the Department of Justice, that is designed to shield the addresses of certain individuals from public notice. Currently, the ACP is available to victims of domestic violence, sexual offenses, or stalking, as defined by statute. In each case, the definition of a “victim” includes a specific reference to relevant statute(s) and includes “[a]ny other individual designated by the Attorney General by rule.”

Senate Bill 839 extends eligibility in the ACP to victims of human trafficking, defined with reference to ORS 163.263, 163.264, and 163.266. Many of the individuals who would qualify for the ACP under Senate Bill 389 could already qualify for the program under the existing provisions; however, the measure includes individuals forced into labor and individuals coerced by threats of deportation, who might not otherwise be eligible for the ACP.