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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a registered nurse to report certain injuries to an appropriate law enforcement entity.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Routing reports to law enforcement and which law enforcement agencies are most likely to have jurisdiction
- Existing reporting requirements for physicians under this section

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies the recipient of a mandatory report of abuse from “the appropriate medical examiner” to “an appropriate law enforcement entity.”

BACKGROUND: ORS 146.750 requires any physicians, including residents and interns, who have probable cause to believe that a person coming before that physician has been injured in a non accidental way, to report such injury immediately to an appropriate medical examiner. House Bill 2014 A expands this requirement to cover registered nurses and requires all reports to be routed to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

For the purposes of this section, “injury” is defined as a physical injury caused by a knife, gun, pistol or other dangerous or deadly weapon, or a serious physical injury. "Serious physical injury" means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ.