

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure (Printed B-Engrossed) and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Bates
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Meeting Dates:	5/18, 5/23, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the Elder Abuse Work Group (Work Group). Requires Work Group to study and make recommendations related to elder abuse. Requires Work Group to prepare a detailed assessment of costs to implement recommendations. Requires Work Group to make a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than January 15, 2012. Stipulates that members of Work Group serve as volunteers. Requires state agencies to assist Work Group in performance of duties. Sunsets Work Group on February 29, 2012. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregonian investigation
- Oregon Adult Safety and Protection Team
- Tasks Work Group will undertake
- Entities providing resources to Work Group
- Addition of bank and credit union representatives

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law defines elder abuse as: (a) physical injury caused by other than accident; (b) neglect leading to harm; (c) abandonment; (d) willful infliction of physical pain or injury; (e) unwanted sexual contact or the inability to consent to sexual contact; or (f) financial exploitation. According to the Department of Human Services, state and local offices investigate more than 11,000 complaints of elder abuse or neglect each year. This abuse can occur both in care facilities and in the home.

House Bill 2325-B creates the Work Group that will study and make recommendations on: (a) the definition of elder abuse; (b) the criminal background check system and its role in prevention and investigation of elder abuse; (c) the elder abuse investigation process; (d) elder abuse data reporting systems; (e) reports to the Legislative Assembly; and (f) information that could be made available to the public regarding elder abuse and investigations of elder abuse.