

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/17, 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts records of individuals and their family members who seek assistance from domestic violence services providers from disclosure as public records. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Private nature of information provided to domestic violence resource centers
- Concern for safety of persons seeking assistance
- Support for public/private resource center partnerships
- Private, nonprofit entities not considered public entities by definition, so not subject to requests for records

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND: Records maintained by domestic violence service providers, resource centers or shelters operated by or in partnership with a public entity are subject to disclosure as public records. Senate Bill 347 A allows such records to be kept confidential.