

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/9, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates a grant program within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to assist law enforcement agencies in the investigation and prosecution of those engaging in human trafficking or who subject others to sex crimes. Directs the Department of Human Services to develop a treatment program for minors who are victims of sex trafficking or sex crimes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Target resources

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Substitutes the sex crimes listed in ORS 181.594.

BACKGROUND: In 2010, Dan Rather broadcast a program on sex trafficking of children in which he highlighted Portland and contended that it has become a national hub for sex trafficking in under age children. He labeled Portland “Pornland.” Several months later, ABC News ran a similar program. *The Oregonian* ran a lengthy article about under age prostitution in Portland and contended that Portland’s reputation was one it did not deserve (*The Oregonian*, January 13, 2011). Oregon does have an established legal adult entertainment industry which possibly attracts illegal acts of prostitution. Many juveniles are attracted to this life style for various reasons including the undue influence of adults who manipulate them and then exploit them for their own financial gain.

Professor Chris Atchinson of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, B.C., interviewed approximately 1,000 “Johns,” (customers of prostitutes), in Canada ranging from 19 to 85 years of age. He found half were married and forty percent had a bachelor’s degree.