## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee on Rules** 

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/10

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Standardizes definitions of "member of the household" and "relative" for purposes of ethics laws.

MEASURE: HB 2079 A

CARRIER: Sen. Ferrioli

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Standardization of definitions
- Breadth of definitions
- Applicability of definitions to domestic partners

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 10 (2007) and Senate Bill 30 (2009) revised the definitions of "member of the household" and "relative" for purposes of government ethics laws. Those revisions, however, resulted in differences and redundancies within the definitions contained in the ethics statutes (Chapter 244 of Oregon Revised Statutes).

House Bill 2079A combines the two separate definitions of "relative" into one standard definition, removes redundancies created by combining the separate definitions, and removes a redundant definition of "member of the household."