

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
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/7, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds to definition of crime of “Endangering Welfare of a Minor” persons who permit, induce, or cause minors to be exposed to cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine as proven through forensic testing of blood urine or hair. Makes crime seriousness a level six on the sentencing guidelines grid of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The intent of the bill is to protect children from exposure to these dangerous and addictive substances

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires testing of minor to prove that they have been exposed to cocaine heroin or methamphetamine; makes crimes seriousness level six.

BACKGROUND: Nobody should be around these substances, but it is especially egregious to bring minors, who frequently have little choice or ability to leave the places where these dangerous drugs are. This law would act as a deterrent to adults who might consider having these drugs around minors, or would give law enforcement further grounds to remove minors from these dangerous situations.