

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 9 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Anna Braun, Counsel
Meeting Dates: 2/20, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits court from requiring public hearing and notice for a name change application from a victim of domestic violence participating in the Address Confidentiality Program unless good cause is found by court. Requires court to seal record upon application. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires court to seal record with applicant's request not to require notice of name change.

BACKGROUND: Name change applications and judgments are governed by ORS 33.420 and require a public hearing and public notice. House Bill 2226 A allows a victim of domestic violence to change his or her name without the public hearing or notice if he or she participates in the Address Confidentiality Program under ORS 192.826. The court may require a notice and hearing if good cause is shown, meaning a court finds a lawful purpose outweighs the risk of disclosure under ORS 192.848. A court also has the authority to seal the record.

The Address Confidentiality Program established under ORS 192.826 was established by the Department of Justice to enable victims of domestic violence, sexual offense, stalking or human trafficking to protect the confidentiality of their address.