

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision to notify victim prior to certain release determinations and affords victims other rights.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 144.122 and ORS 144.126 authorize the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (Board) to release a prisoner earlier if certain criteria are met regarding the prisoner’s health, capacity, or reformation. Victims of a crime are constitutionally guaranteed certain rights, including those rights are enumerated in ORS 144.750.

Senate Bill 199 establishes victims’ right to advance notification of Board hearings; to be present for hearings; to present written or oral testimony at hearings; to review the information the Board will rely upon at the hearing; and to rebut the information the Board will rely upon.