

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

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Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: February 5, 2015

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Amends Disorderly Conduct statute. Creates Class A Misdemeanor for falsely reporting hazardous substance, fire, explosion, catastrophe, or other emergency in court facility.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, ORS 166.025 defines Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree, which makes it a Class B Misdemeanor to initiate a false report about a hazardous substance, fire, explosion, catastrophe, or other emergency. ORS 166.023 defines the elevated offense of Disorderly Conduct in the First Degree, which makes that same conduct a Class A Misdemeanor if the location of the false report is a school.

Senate Bill 334 adds court facilities to locations where the false report becomes an elevated offense.