

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Renames crime of patronizing a prostitute to “commercial sexual solicitation.”

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 167.008 provides the elements for the crime of patronizing a prostitute. In some circumstances, an individual can be solicited for sex and deny the request, but may be labeled a prostitute during the prosecution of the individual soliciting sex. “Patronizing a prostitute” may also misidentify victims of sex trafficking.

House Bill 2206 intends to prevent these situations by relabeling the crime of “patronizing a prostitute” to “commercial sexual solicitation.” The bill passed out of the House chamber with a 9-0 unanimous vote.