

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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Action:

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Adds threatening to cause physical injury to animal to induce other person to engage in certain conduct as conduct constituting crime of coercion.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Proposed (-2) amendments require courts to impose a term of incarceration of at least 10 days for initiating a false report under ORS 162.375, should false report involve deployment of law enforcement special weapons and tactical (SWAT) team or other similar law enforcement group.

**BACKGROUND:** Multiple studies show a direct link between violence against animals and violence against humans, especially within the context of domestic violence where abusers use animals – specifically the threat of harming an animal – as a means of achieving submission.

House Bill 3468 makes it a crime of coercion when one compels or induces another person to engage in certain conduct by instilling fear that they will cause physical injury to an animal.