

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Judiciary

MEASURE: HB 2205

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/11/15

Action: Do Pass And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference

Meeting Dates: 02/11

House

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Williamson, Olson, Post, Sprenger, Lininger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Fund to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. Provides financial assistance through continuous appropriation for services, interventions and treatment for children who have been or may become victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Requires Department of Justice to appoint advisory committee to make recommendations on allocations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Substance of bill
- Need to provide sex trafficking victims with services
- Pass-through funding mechanisms
- Changing the culture surrounding the sex industry

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the Department of Justice (DOJ) does not have a dedicated funding stream to provide financial assistance to victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

House Bill 2205 creates such a fund, which will be used to help crime victims by providing services, interventions and treatment, and will also focus on community-based solutions such as outreach, education and training. DOJ will be required to appoint an advisory committee to advise the department on how funds should be allocated.