

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

MEASURE: HB 2603
CARRIER: Rep. Smith Warner

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/12/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/12

House

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Mandates that ORS 30.868 be known and may be cited as “Aaron’s Law.”

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Bill’s origination from Sean Cruz’s experience
- History of 2004 Task Force on Parental and Family Abductions
- Evolution of child abduction laws
- Lack of practitioner knowledge regarding ORS 30.868
- Need to define “protracted”
- Consequences of family abduction
- Aaron’s story

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2603 possesses roots originating from a 2004 Senate Task Force on Parental and Family Abductions. This task force laid the foundation for the passage of House Bill 1041 during the 2005 Legislative Session, which addressed civil damages for custodial interference and made Oregon the first state to create a civil cause of action for child abduction. House Bill 1041, codified at ORS 30.868, became known as “Aaron’s Law” to honor the memory of Aaron Cruz, the eldest son of Sean Cruz, who died in Utah in April 2005 as a consequence of his abduction.

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