

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

MEASURE: HB 2333
CARRIER: Rep. Olson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/17/15
Action: Do Pass.
Meeting Dates: 02/04, 02/17

House

Yeas: 8 - Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Williamson, Olson, Post, Sprenger, Lininger
Exc: 1 - Barker

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies statutory language regarding statute of limitations when person entitled to bring action is child or insane. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fix needed
- Unintended consequences of current statutory language
- Two cases currently before Oregon Court of Appeals

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2366, which amended Oregon's Minority Tolling Statute. The goal of House Bill 2366 was to extend the statute of limitations for actions brought by parents in an effort to reach consistency with the statute of limitations applicable to children's claims arising from the same incidents. It appears that when the bill was drafted, changes were made to the language that were not caught at the time, but have since had unintended consequences. Specifically, rewording "an action mentioned in" to "an action that is subject to" the relevant ORS sections has rendered the statute inapplicable to claims brought under the Oregon Tort Claims Act.

House Bill 2333 aims to correct this unintended consequence by clarifying language to state applicability to actions "mentioned" in the relevant ORS sections, including ORS 12.010 -12.050, 12.070 -12.250 and 12.276. Additionally, House Bill 2333 asserts that if it causes the revival of a claim formerly barred under ORS 12.160 (addressing suspension for minors and persons who are insane) immediately before its effective date, then that cause of action must be commenced within the time prescribed as amended.