Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2002 A

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued **Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways

And Means.

Meeting Dates: 03/30, 04/20

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Williamson

Nays: 2 - Post, Sprenger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines profiling. Requires law enforcement agencies to enact policies prohibiting profiling by October 1, 2015. Establishes the Law Enforcement Contacts and Policy Data Review Committee as a repository for profiling complaints. Establishes interim work group. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definitions of profiling
- There is currently no statewide repository for profiling complaints
- Specific examples of profiling
- Benefits of statistical data regarding profiling complaints

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, there are no statewide policies regarding profiling by law enforcement, nor is there a central agency where a citizen can file a profiling complaint. Cities, counties, and local law enforcement agencies may have their own policies, and those policies can be different from each other.

House Bill 2002 A creates a central repository for any citizen to file a profiling complaint – the Law Enforcement Contacts and Policy Data Review Committee. The bill provides a legal definition of profiling, which prohibits law enforcement from relying upon a person's age, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, homelessness, or mental disability in certain circumstances. In addition, the bill creates an interim work group to study patterns or practices of disproportionate profiling.