

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/05/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 05/05

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Burdick, Gelser, Kruse, Prozanski, Thatcher

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires member of law enforcement agency possessing probable cause to believe custodial interference in the first or second degree, or kidnapping in the first or second degree, involving a child has occurred to notify Oregon State Police Missing Children Clearinghouse within 24 hours. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative history
- Familial abductions
- Barriers to recovery of children
- Definition of “protracted”
- Missing Children’s Clearinghouse
- Amendment process and collaboration
- Other system changes relevant to missing children

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1989, the Oregon Legislature mandated that the Oregon State Police (OSP) establish and maintain the Missing Children Clearinghouse. The OSP Criminal Investigation Division maintains the Clearinghouse, which collects, stores and disseminates information about Oregon’s missing children in an effort to locate them.

Problems have been identified with the Clearinghouse, specifically that it has not always listed all of Oregon’s missing children. A comparison to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children database conducted on February 11, 2015, highlights the issue: while the national system listed 43 missing Oregon children, the Missing Children Clearinghouse listed 40.

House Bill 2601-A requires a member of a law enforcement agency possessing probable cause to believe custodial interference in the first or second degree, or kidnapping in the first or second degree, involving a child has occurred, to notify the OSP Missing Children Clearinghouse within 24 hours.