

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/19/15

Action: Do Pass The B-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 06/19

Vote:

Senate

Yeas: 11 - Burdick, Devlin, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Winters

House

Yeas: 12 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Smith, Whisnant, Whitsett, Williamson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies Invasion of Privacy statute to include two degrees of offenses. Increases penalties for recidivists and those who make recordings of others to a Class C felony. Adds ORS 163.700 to the criminal code.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Absence of emergency clause
- Legislation needed to keep up with technological changes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 163.700 defines the crime of Invasion of Personal Privacy, which prohibits the nonconsensual recording or viewing of a person when that person is in a private place and nude. Currently, the offense is a Class A misdemeanor. In addition, House Bill 2596 added a new provision to ORS 163.700 by eliminating a loophole and prohibiting “upskirting,” which is recording another person’s intimate parts.

House Bill 2356 increases penalties for recidivists and for those who make recordings of others. Invasion of Privacy in the First Degree would be a Class C felony, with a crime category of 6 on the felony sentencing guidelines. Sex offender registration would be discretionary if the court finds it appropriate for public safety. It would apply to conduct prohibited by current ORS 163.700(1)(a) – those who knowingly record another person in a state of nudity without consent when that person has an expectation of privacy. Invasion of Privacy in the First Degree would also apply to those who, at the time of the offense, have a previous conviction for invasion of privacy, private indecency, public indecency, or a sex crime. Invasion of Privacy in the Second Degree would apply to all other conduct and remain a Class A misdemeanor.