

HB 4075

Relating to student safety

On February 22nd, the Public Safety Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of HB 4075.

HB 4075 establishes a statewide tip line for reports of threats to student safety. The tip line must receive telephone calls, text messages, and emails, and will be connected to other hotlines. Tips are to be held confidential, and information on threats must be relayed to local service providers and school officials, in addition to the Oregon State Police and local law enforcement.

The measure appropriates \$1 million of General Fund to the Oregon State Police to establish and implement the tip line, and requires specific written policies and procedures to be established. These procedures include rules on processing the calls, including how to protect the identity of the call while enabling return contact, logging reports, verifying authenticity of reports, and relaying that information to local law enforcement and school district officials. The agency's fiscal impact estimate includes costs for three positions to administer the tip line, and contract services payments to a third-party vendor to operate the tip line.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 4075 be reported out do pass.