

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/15/16

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/15

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Includes agreeing to receive goods, services, or something else of value derived from prostitution activity in crime of promoting prostitution.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Loophole in law allows promoters of prostitution to barter to avoid prosecution
- Alignment with idea that theft may be of services in addition to property or money
- Requires intent to promote prostitution to be crime
- Need for data on sex trafficking
- Need for increased services to victims of sex trafficking

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, a person commits the crime of promoting prostitution if a person knowingly owns or maintains a place of prostitution; induces or causes a person to engage in prostitution or remain in a place of prostitution; or receives or agrees to receive money or property derived from prostitution, other than compensation to the prostitute. Promoting prostitution is a Class C felony. ORS 167.012.

House Bill 4082 adds new language to the description of the crime of promoting prostitution to include receiving or agreeing to receive goods, services, or something else of value that is derived from prostitution.