

HB 2717 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands Assault in Third Degree to include intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury to mass transit district or transportation district employee while employee is acting within scope of employment.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies who is considered a public transit employee within this provision

BACKGROUND:

There are four levels of assault in Oregon: Assault in the Fourth Degree, usually an A misdemeanor; Assault in the Third Degree, usually a C felony; Assault in the Second Degree, a B felony; and Assault in the First Degree, an A felony. Assault in the Fourth Degree is committed when a person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to another.

There are a variety of acts included in Assault in the Third Degree, including intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury, by means other than a motor vehicle, to a public transit vehicle operator while operating the vehicle. House Bill 2717 expands Assault in the Third Degree to cover intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing, by means other than a motor vehicle, physical injury to a mass transit district or transportation district employee while the employee is acting within the scope of employment. It also provides definitions for mass transit district and transportation district.