

SB 884 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 3/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Justice to conduct study on enactment of Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights and present results of study to judiciary committees on or before February 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Article I, section 42 of the Oregon Constitution provides victims of crime with a number of rights, including the right to prompt restitution, the right to obtain information about the perpetrator of the crime and the right to be consulted regarding certain plea negotiations. Crime victims also have a number of statutory rights under Oregon law. For example, the Legislative Assembly has authorized the Department of Justice (DOJ) to administer a crime victims' compensation program, to provide victims of crime with compensation for medical and counseling expenses, loss of earnings and other out of pocket expenses associated with the crime. Against this backdrop, Senate Bill 884 directs DOJ to study the enactment of a Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights and present the results of that study to the interim judiciary committees.